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W. R. R. Co. Petition as to roads in W. Springfield & Westfield

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents. The Western Rail Road Corporation that their Rail Road as located in the town of West-Springfield in said County, hapes upon or across the following public ways in said town, in an inconvenient and expensive manner, or so as to incommode the public travel, and for the purpose of facilitating the croping of the same, Your petitioners think proper to alter the same as herein after Specified, (viz)

1 The road leading from Springfield Bridge to the Agawam Bridge to be altered by turning the same more Southerly and off of the Rail Road location, upon land of Daniel Merrick, and land of Justin Ely, both of said WestSpringfield

2. The road leading from the Common, East the house of Frederick Jones to Ashley's Mills, to be turned a little more Southerly, upon land of Rodney Day, Sherman Day, Henry Day, and Robert Day of said WestSpringfield.

3. The road to Westfield, a little West of the house of William Sibley, to be turned a little more Southerly upon land of Francis Vanhorn of said WestSpringfield and to cross the Rail road at right angles therewith.

4 The same road from a point near Pawcatuck brook, to be turned more northerly across the meadow, and to cross the Rail Road at 6rd East of Station No 308. of the Rail road, at the grade of the same; and the way leading northerly from said road to be turned westerly, so as to hap the rail road at the same place and Westerly of the said Rail road crossing the Westfield road, to be turned more southerly, nearer the river, and South of the Rail road location, placing the same where changed upon land of Seth Smith, and Daniel Smith, both of said WestSpringfield. That in the town of Westfield, in said County, their Rail Road as located, passes upon or across the following public ways in an inconvenient and expensive manner, as to as to incommode the public travel; and for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, your petitioners think proper to alter the same as herein after Specified

1 The road leading from WestSpringfield past Kings Tavern to be turned more Southerly off of the rail road location and nearer the river, to a point against the land of Ambrose Day, placing the same upon land of Sylvanus Ely Mosley of said Westfield, and the road from Northampton to be continued Southerly to unite with the Main road as so altered

2. The road leading from Stephen Harrisons house to the northampton road, to be turned a little more Westerly upon land of Stephen Harrison of said West-

field, so as to pass the Rail road at the same grade.

3d The road leading from the Stage road near Frog-hole Bridge northerly past the house of Harvey Champion to be turned a little westerly so as to pass under the same bridge with the Frog Hole or Sackets brook and upon land of said corporation or of Stephen Harrison of said Westfield or both.

4 The road leading Daniel Nobles in Westfield past the house of Calvin Colburn's in Westfield, now said Colburn's house to be turned a little more Southerly so as to pass the Rail Road more at right angles therewith on upon land of Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman both of Westfield, or one of them.

5. The Road leading from Daniel Nobles, in Westfield to Alfred Pratts in Westfield, near the house of Martin Tinker to be turned more southerly and Westerly, and to pass the Rail Road more at right angles therewith, and to be cut down to the grade of the Rail Road and pass at the same grade, passing upon lands of Martin Tinker of said Westfield. And the said alterations will not essentially injure said ways. Your petitioners, therefore, pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and direct the manner in which the said several ways shall be altered, and do whatever else in the premises the law requires. Dated at Springfield, this 26th day of August A.D. 1839.

The Western R. R. Corporation
By Geo Bliss, agt

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. August 26th 1839. The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered that the Commissioners meet at Clark & Co's Tavern in West Springfield, and at Kings Tavern in West Springfield on the eleventh day of September next; and at Rogers tavern, and the house of Martin Tinker in Westfield on the 12th of said September at 10 o'clock A.M. and 3 o'clock P.M on each of said days, then and there to act on said petition; and it is also ordered that seasonable notice previous to the time of meeting be given to all persons and corporations interested, and especially the Towns of Westfield and West Springfield and the persons named in said petition as land owners, by serving them respectively with an abstract of said Petition, containing the substance thereof. And the Western Rail Road Corporation as principal and George Bliss as surety, appear, and recognize in the sum of Two hundred dollars each to the County of Hampden, conditioned to save the said

County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition

James W. Crook, Chairman

To the Selectmen of Westspringfield, in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westspringfield in said county so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Springfield Bridge, to the Agawam Bridge, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. turning the same more southerly, and off of the Rail Road location so that the same as altered will pass on lands of Daniel Merrick of said Westspringfield, and have requested the commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clarks & Co Tavern in Westspringfield, on the 11th day of September inst. at 10 oclock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order,

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2d A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left with Lester Williams, one of the Selectmen of Westspringfield, a copy of the above Notice. Sept 3d 1839

R. D. Morris

To Daniel Merrick, of Westspringfield, in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation, have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westspringfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Springfield Bridge, to Agawam Bridge, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more southerly, so that the same as altered will pass over Lands owned by you, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clarks & Co Tavern in Westspringfield on the 11th day of September inst at 10 oclock, A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2d A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the Dwelling house of Daniel Merrick a copy of the above notice

Sept 3. 1839 R. D. Morris.

To Justin Ely of Westspringfield, in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westspringfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Springfield Bridge to Agawam Bridge and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same more Southerly so that the same as altered will lay over land owned by Asa and Daniel Morris, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clark & Co. Tavern in Westspringfield on the 11th day of September inst at 10 O'Clock A. M. when an where You may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I accept notice in the foregoing Case, and waive all errs or irregularities in Service Sep. 2. 1839 Justin Ely

To the Selectmen of Westspringfield, in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westspringfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Common past the house of Frederick Jones to Ashley's Mills, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz, by turning the same a little more Southerly, so that the same as altered will lay over Lands of Rodney Day, Herman Day, Henry Day, and Robert Day of said Westspringfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be attend, You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clark & Co Tavern in Westspringfield on the 11th day of September inst, at 10 Oclock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order James W. Crooks Chairman.

Springfield, Sept. 2. 1839

I certify that I have left at the Dwelling house of Lester Williams, one of the Selectmen of Westspringfield, a copy of the above notice

Sept 2. 1839

R. D. Morris

To Rodney Day Heman Day. Henry Day and Robert Day of West Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of West Springfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Common past the house of Frederick Jones to Ashleys Mills, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same a little more southerly, so that the same as altered will pass over lands owned by You or some of You, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clarks Hotel in West Springfield on the 11th day of September inst, at 10 oclock A.M. when and where you may be present if You see cause, and be heard upon the Subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield Sept. 2, A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have this day left a copy of the foregoing Notice at the Dwelling house of Rodney Day & also at the Dwelling house of Henry Day; and also given Robt Day a Copy. September 3. 1839. R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of West Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of West Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading to Westfield a little west of the house of William Sibley and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same a little more southerly upon land of Samuel Smith, Trustee of said West Springfield, so as to cross the Rail Road at right angles therewith, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the house of William Sibley of West Springfield, on the 11th day of September inst at 1 oclock P.M. when and where you may be present if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman

Springfield Sept 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of Lester Williams, one of the Selectmen of West Springfield, a copy of the above notice. Sept 3d. 1839. R. D. Morris

To Samuel Smith of Westspringfield, in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westspringfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading to Westfield a little west of the house of William Sibley, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same a little more Southerly. So that the same as altered, will cross over lands held in trust by you, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. Now we hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at the house of William Sibley in Westspringfield on the 11th day of September inst at 12 Oclock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield. Sept. 2d. 1839.

I certify, that I have given to Samuel Smith, a Copy of the foregoing Notice

Sept. 4. 1839. R. D. Morris

To Seth Smith and Daniel Smith, both of West Springfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westspringfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Westspringfield to Westfield, near Pancatuck Brook, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz from a point near Pancatuck brook to turn the same more Northerly, across the meadow, and to cross the Rail Road at and East of station No 308. of the said Road at the grade of the same; and the way leading Northerly from said road, to be turned westerly, so as to cross the Rail Road at the same place; and westerly thence to turn the said Westfield Road more southerly near the river, and South of the Rail Road location, placing said Roads, when changed upon Lands of Seth Smith and Daniel Smith, both of Westspringfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. Now are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Kings Tavern on the 11th day of September inst. at 2 Oclock P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see

cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Crooks Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have given the above named Daniel Smith, and Seth Smith, each a copy of the fregoing Notice

R. D. Morris.

Sept. 4 1839.

To the Selectmen of Westspringfield; in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westspringfield in said County so that the same is croped by a public way leading from Westspringfield to Westfield near Pawcatuck brook, and that for the purpose of facilitating the croping of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz, from a point near Pawcatuck brook to turn the same more northerly, across the meadow and to cross the Rail Road at and east of Station No 308. of the Rail Road, at the grade of the same; and the way leading northerly from said road to be turned Westerly so as to pass the Rail Road at the same place, and westerly thereof to turn the said Westfield road more southerly, nearer the river, and South of the Rail Road location, leaving said roads, when changed, upon lands of Seth Smith and Daniel Smith, both of said Westspringfield and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day of September, inst at 2 oclock. P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per order

James W. Crooks Chairman

Springfield Sept. 3d. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I left a copy of the foregoing notice at the Dwelling house of Lester Williams, one of the Select Men of West Springfield. Sept. 3d 1839.

R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Westfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition, to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is located upon a public way leading from Westspringfield past Kings Tavern, and that for the purpose of facilitating the passing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more Southerly off the Rail Road location and nearer the river to a point ~~against~~ opposite the Sand of Ambrose Day and the Road from Northampton to be continued Southerly to unite with the Main Road as altered. So that the same as altered will pass over lands of Sylvanus Ly. Morley of Westfield. and have requested the commissioners to view

the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield on the 21st day of September inst. at 3 oclock. P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield Sept 3. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the Dwelling house of Whitman, one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this notice. Sept. 4. 1839. R. D. Morris

To Sylvanus G. Morley of West Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their Petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Westfield east Kings Tavern, and that for the purpose of facilitating the raising the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more Southerly off the Rail Road location, and under the same, to a point l against the land of Ambrose Day and the Road from Northampton to be continued Southerly to unite with the Main Road as altered, so that the same as altered, will lay over lands of Sylvanus G. Morley of Westfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Kings Tavern in Westfield, on the 21st day of September inst at 3 oclock. P. M. when and where You may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W Brooks. Chairman

Springfield, Sept 3. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the Dwelling house of Sylvanus G. Morley, of Westspringfield, a copy of the foregoing notice. Sept 4. 1839 R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Westfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Road Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Seth Harrison's house to the Northampton road, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same a little more westerly, so as to have the Rail Road at the same grade, so that the same as altered will lay over lands of Seth Harrison of Westfield; and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that

purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield on the 11th day of Sept. inst at 3 Oclock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

James W. Brooks. Chairman

Per order

Springfield Sep. 2 A.D. 1839.

I certify that I left at the Dwelling house of Whitman, one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this Notice. Sep. 4. 1839.

R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Westfield, in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield, in said county, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Stage road near Frog hole Bridge, southerly past the house of Harvey Champion, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the Course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same a little more Westerly so as to pass under the same bridge with the Frog hole, or Saukits brook, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of said Corporation or of Seth Harrison of said Westfield or both. and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at King's Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day of September, inst at 3 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

James W. Brooks. Chairman

Per order

Springfield Sep. 2. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have left, at the house of Whitman one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this notice.

Sep. 4 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Stephen Harrison of Westfield in the County of Hampden,

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Stephen Harrison's house to the Northampton Road, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same, they think proper to alter the course of say way as follows viz by turning the same a little more westerly, so as to pass the Rail Road at the same grade, so that the same as altered will pass over lands owned by you. and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day of September inst, at 3 Oclock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the

Subject. Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield September 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify, that I have left at the house of Stephen Harrison a copy of the foregoing notice Sep. 4. 1839. R. D. Morris.

To Stephen Harrison of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a Public way leading from the Stage road near Frog hole bridge, northerly past the house of Harvey Chamberlain and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz. by turning the same a little more westerly, so as to pass under the same bridge with the Frog hole or Sackets' brook, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of said Corporation or Stephen Harrison of said Westfield or both, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield on the 11th day of Septembr inst. at 3 oclock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the Subject.

Per order, James W. Crooks. Chairman

Springfield Sept. 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the house of Stephen Harrison a Copy of the foregoing notice

Sept 4. 1839. R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County; so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Daniel Nobles, in Westfield, past the house of Calvin Coburns in Westfield, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz. by turning the same a little more southerly so as to pass the Rail Road more at right angles therewith, so that the same as altered, will pass over lands of Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman, both of said Westfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the ~~manner~~ manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers Tavern in Westfield, on the 12th day of September inst. at 9 oclock A. M when and where you may be present, if you see Cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Springfield Sep. 2 A. D. 1839. James W. Crooks, Chairman

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of Whitman
one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this notice
Sept. 4. 1839. R. D. Morris.

To Daniel Sherman, and Roswell Sherman, both of Westfield
in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road
Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissio-
ers of said County, setting forth that they have located their
Rail Road in the Town Westfield in said County, so that the same
crosses by a public way leading from Daniel Nobles in Westfield
East the House of Edson Colburn in Westfield, and that for the
purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think it
proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz, by turning
the same a little more southerly, so as to pass the Rail Road
more at right angles therewith, and so that the same as altered
will pass over lands of Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman
both of said Westfield, and have requested the Commissioners
to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way
shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners
will meet for that purpose at Rogers Tavern in Westfield on the
12th day of September inst at 9 o'clock A. M. when and where you
may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.
Per order James W. Brooks Chairman
Springfield September 5. 1839.

I certify that I have given the above named
Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman, each, a copy of
the foregoing Notice Sept. 5. 1839 R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield, in
the County of Hampden Whereas the Western Rail Road
Corporations have presented their petition to the County Commissioners
of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail
Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the
same is crossed by a public way leading from Daniel
Nobles in Westfield to Alfred Bratts in Westfield, near the
House of Martin Tinker, and that for the purpose of facil-
itating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter
the course of the said way as follows, viz. by turning the
same more southerly and westerly, and to pass the Rail Road
more at right angles therewith, and to be cut down the grade
of the Rail Road, so that the same as altered will pass on land
of said Martin Tinker of said Westfield, and have requested
the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner
in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Martin
Tinker's house in Westfield on the 12th day of September at 10
o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present if you see
cause, and be heard upon the subject.
Per order James W. Brooks Chairman

I certify that I left at the dwelling house of
Whitman, one of the Selectmen of Westfield a
Copy of this notice. Sept. 4. 1839. R. D. Morris

To Martin Tinker of Westfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Daniel Nobles in Westfield to Office Smiths in Westfield, near the house of Martin Tinker, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more southerly and westerly and to cross the Rail Road more at right angles therewith and to be cut down to the grade of the Rail Road, so that the same as altered will pass over lands owned by you, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house in Westfield on the 12th day of September inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

By Order. James M. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield September 7th A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the Dwelling House of Martin Tinker, a copy of the foregoing notice.

Feb 5th 1839 R. D. Morris

Hampden ss. Sep. 11th 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to the Town of Wes. Springfield, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving Lester Williams one of the Selectmen of said Town with abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns said Town, as appears by said attested on file and hereto annexed; and having also, given Reasonable notice to Daniel Merrick, Justus Ely, Rodney Day, Herman Day, and Robert Day, and to Samuel Smith, trustee of Tandrum, to Seth Smith, and to Seth and Daniel Smith, all mentioned in said petition, by serving each of them respectively with an abstract of said petition so far as concerns them, containing the substance thereof, and stating the day, hour, place and purpose of the meeting, met the said Williams, on behalf of said town and the said persons above named on their own behalf, and also the petitioners, by their agent, R D Morris Esq. on this day and at the hour and place, mentioned in said abstracts, and proceeded to view the several roads and proposed alterations of roads; and also the lands as described in said petition and fully set forth therein; and having viewed the same, and fully heard the said Williams on behalf of said town; and the said Morris on behalf of said Rail Road Corporation; and also the said Merrick, Ely, Rodney, Henry, Herman and Robert Day Samuel, Seth &

Daniel Smith, above named, upon the subject matter of petition as concerns them respectively, we have altered, located and established said road as follows, to wit.

1. Road near Springfield Bridge. Beginning on the southerly side of the road, at the junction of Agawam and West Springfield to Springfield Bridge, at a point 5½ rods Southerly of the centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, against the centre of the West Springfield road, and run Westerly, parallel to the centre line of the line of the Rail Road 48 rods to the south line of the present road; and we have located the road 3 rods wide on the northerly side of the above described line, and between the said line and the Rail Road, passing upon and over lands of Daniel Merrick and Justin Ely

2. Road leading to Ashley's Mills. Beginning on the Southerly side of the present road 30 feet westerly of Frederick Jones' westerly line, and run Southwesterly, crossing the Rail Road nearly at right angles therewith at Station No. 101-45, on the centre line of the Rail Road, and from the Southerly line of the Rail Road, passing upon a regular curve, so as to enter the present road at the foot of the hill, passing through the old Distillery building; passing upon lands held by Rodney Day, Herman Day, Henry Day, and Robert Day; and we have laid and established said road 2 rods wide on the northwesterly side of the said line as run

3 Road near Sibley's. Begun at a point in the centre of the County Road 1½ feet Easterly of the Rail Road and run Westerly on a line, at right angles with the Rail Road crossing the Rail Road by a bridge, and curving gradually to the North after passing the Rail Road, enter the old road on the side hill, South Easterly of the Brook. And we have run the line on the centre of the road as located according to a plan annexed — and laid the said road 3 rods wide, passing upon and over lands held by Samuel Smith in trust.

4th. Road at Paucatuck Brook. Beginning on the northerly side of the present travelled road at point 100 feet westerly of the Bridge over the Paucatuck brook, and 97 feet northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road, and run from thence westerly 120 feet to a point 92 feet from the centre line of the Rail Road — then Westerly parallel to the centre line of the Rail Road 620 feet to the east line of Daniel Smiths land — then Nzsterly parallel to the Centre line Rail Road, to the west side of the road leading by Daniel Smith's; thence Southwesterly, passing the centre line of the Rail Road, at the same grade, 100 feet westerly of the west line of the road which passes Daniel Smith's; and then into the old road; and then running westerly

on the Southerly Side of the Rail Road to Westfield line, lapping upon lands of Daniel Smith and Seth Smith: the above described line is run on the northerly side of the road, and we have located the road 3 rods wide on the Southerly side of the line as run: from the points of beginning, until it passes to the southerly side of the rail road and from them until against Station No 317 of the Rail Road, and from them to Westfield line covering all the land lying between the Rail Road and the river. And we have also turned the road which passes Daniel Smith's into the above described Road at its point of intersection to cross the rail road at the same place. The above mentioned roads as altered and established, are to be constructed by said Rail Road Corporation, in a good substantial and workmanlike manner and in all places where they cross the Rail Road at an easy and convenient grade for the public travel

And we have estimated and appraised the damages which the said several owners of land above named will suffer by reason of their said lands as described in said petition, being so taken for said roads, as altered, at the following sums respectively, to wit.

Damages of Daniel Merrick, Ninety Seven Dollars
" Justin Eby Five Dollars fifty Cents
" Rodney Day
" Heman Eby
" Henry Eby 2d
" Robert Day
" Samuel Smith, Truster of Vanhorn Thirteen Dollars
" Daniel Smith Twenty one Dollars

Fifty three Dollars in the whole

The said R J Morris agent as aforesaid, having represented that the land of Seth Smith, mentioned in said petition, had been obtained by voluntary agreement and release, since the filing of said petition at his request no further proceedings were had in or concerning the same. And also, having given Seasonable notice to the town of Westfield, and also to Sylvanus G. Morley and Stephen Harrison, mentioned in the foregoing petition, by serving the said Morley and Harrison, and also A. B. Whitman, one of the Selectmen of said town, each, with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them respectively, as appears by copies of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed on this June 11th day of September A. D 1839. at Kings Tavern in Westfield at the house mentioned in said abstracts, met the said Morley and Harrison and David Morley and the said Whitman two of the Selectmen of said Town, and also the said Morris, agent as aforesaid and proceeded to view the premises, to wit the proposed alterations of said Roads, and the lands of said Morley

and Harrison, as taking for said Roads and alterations, and having heard the said Selectmen, Morris, Morley and Harrison fully in the premises, in relation to said proposed alterations and damages, and all other matters touching the premises, we have established, and located the alterations of said Roads following, to wit:

1. Road near Kings Tavern. Beginning at the line of the Town of West Springfield, a little easterly of King's Tavern at a point 2½ rods southerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run Westerly parallel to the centre line of the Rail Road, 157 rods 10 feet, to a point where it strikes the Northerly side of the old road; and we have located the Road 3 rods wide on the Southerly side of said line, partly, upon the old road, and partly upon land of Sylvanus G. Morley; and we have turned the Northampton, road so as to cross the Rail Road at right angles therewith, and to enter the present road Southerly of the rail road.

2. Road near Harrisons. Beginning by the Northerly side of the Westfield road at a point 110 feet northwesterly of the north line of the present travelled road, and run Easterly on a Curve croping the Rail Road, and entering the present road 25 feet easterly of the Rail Road And we have located the said Road 2 rods wide on the Southerly side of said line, passing over land of the W. Rail Road Corporation, and land of Stephen Harrison

3 Road near Frog-hole Beginning on the Southerly side of the Rail Road, nearly opposite Station № 387. of the Rail Road, and run westerly on a gradual curve to a point nearly opposite station №. 388. of the Rail Road, and from thence passing under the Rail Road at right angles therewith, by a bridge or Culvert of 15 feet Span, and entering the old road on the northerly side of the Rail Road, passing over lands of Stephen Harrison and the Western Rail Road Corporation And we have Appraised the damages which the said Sylvanus G. Morley will suffer by reason of the alteration of road near Kings Tavern, and for his land taken therefor, at the sum of eighty five dollars And also, the damages which the said Harrison will suffer by reason of the alteration near the old Gad Noble House, at the sum of One Dollar, and for the alteration near the Frog Hole, at one Dollar for his lands, so taken. The said Rail Road Corporation claim no damages

Hampden Ss. September 12th 1839. The County Commissioners of said County, having given Seasonable notice to Roswell Sherman and Daniel Sherman, and Martin Tinker, and also to the Town of Westfield, mentioned in the foregoing

petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving A. B. Whitman one of the Selectmen of said Town, and also the said Daniel, Roswell and Martin, each with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them respectively, as appears by the copies of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed; met Ebenezer Moseley, and the said Whitman, two of the Selectmen of said Town; and the said Tinker; and also R. D. Morris, agent of said Corporation, on this 12th day of September, at the hours and places named in said abstracts, and proceeded to view the several proposed alterations of roads, named in said petition, and also the lands to be taken therefor, so far as concerns the said town, and the said Tinker; and having viewed the premises, and heard the said Selectmen and said Tinker fully therein, we have located and established said alterations, and appraised the damages said Tinker will suffer for his lands so taken, as follows, to wit.

1st Alteration of Road near Coburn's. Beginning on the South side of the old County road, at the east end of the garden picket fence of Daniel and Roswell Sherman, and run Easterly on a continuous straight line of said picket fence, to land of Wareham Shepard— then Northeasterly, nearly at right angles, by land of Wareham Shepard, to the Northeasterly side of the Rail Road, croping the Rail Road at the same grade — And we have laid said road as altered 2 rods wide on the Northerly and westerly side of said line, paping upon lands conveyed by said Daniel and Roswell Sherman to said Corporation, partly and partly on the old road. No damages were claimed and none allowed for this alteration.

2. Road near Martin Tinkers. Beginning at the old County Road at a point against Station 588 of the Rail Road, and run north 14° West 40½ rods to the Southerly line of the Rail Road — thence across the Rail Road nearly at right angles therewith, to the northerly line of the Rail Road; then north 34½° West 102 feet to a point against station No 590 of the Rail Road; then North 49½° West, 66 rods 11 feet to a point against the South Westerly corner of Martin Tinker's dwelling house; then North 38° West 18 rods to the centre of the old County road against the west line of said Tinker's land. And we have located said road 3 rods wide, and the above courses and distances are run upon the centre line thereof. Said Shermans, having voluntarily agreed with said Corporation, and released their lands, no further proceedings were had in reference to them.

the damages which the said Martin Tinker will suffer by reason of said alteration, to made, and his lands so taken therefor, we have appraised at the sum of Eighty five Dollars.

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks & Seal
Gideon Bates & Seal
John Ward & Seal
} County Commrs.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court, passed on the Twentieth day of March A.D. 1840. granting a tax of Thirteen Thousand dollars for the County of Hampshire, the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County in manner following viz. — County Tax for 1840 apportionment.

Blandford	$ 667.15
Brimfield	764.05
Chester	473.33
Granville	581.42
Holland	175.17
Ludlow	555.33
Longmeadow	558.58
Montgomery	186.35
Monson	916.56
Palmer	506.88
Russell	167.72
Southwick	525.52
Springfield	3026.38
Tolland	264.62
West Springfield	1498.28
Westfield	1125.57
Wales	249.71
Wilbraham	726.78
	$13000.00

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And Warrants have issued, dated the twentieth day of March A.D. 1840. directed to the Selectmen or assessors of the several Towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables, to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice Esq. County Treasurer, or his successor in order, by the fifteenth day of September next ensuing, as the law directs.

The following accounts against the County were preferred to and allowed by the County Commissioners — Accounts

at the above meeting. and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury viz

To	William H. Foster keeping prisoners, &c.	752.52
"	Samuel Jewett, Lumber &c	30.40
"	Chicopee Falls Co. Prison Bars, Locks, &c	141.20
"	H. Goodell, 18½ days work at Jail	12.10
"	D. Prince 1 day Conveying Chain &c	1.00
"	Chester M'Gregory 20 days work, Fence	33.00
"	Hatfield Gilbert pantaloons for prisoner	11.75
"	James Chapin for Wood	20.60
"	Oren Eaton Work at Jail Yard	38.05
"	E. Edwards Sons for Court House &c	17.50
"	D. Charles work at Jail	24.38
"	O. Chapin, surveying County Lands, &c	1.50
"	Jabez Dynon Work on County House & fence	30.10
"	D. Perkins 1½ Locks &c &c at Jail	17.12½
"	John Bennett 1½ Chairs Court House	2.00
"	L. Yancey work at Jail Doors, &c &c	26.87
"	John Wade for Lumber & Work Three Rivers Bridge	28.75
"	J. Ingersoll Sundry Stationary & Labor for County	15.93
"	C. Rice Sawing Shingles, &c &c	34.50
"	A. Parsons, attendg Court, cleaning House &c	29.00

Hampden Co. Dec. 6th 1839. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the Fourth Tuesday of December being the Twenty fourth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty Nine, and from day to day to the Twenty Seventh day of said month.

By James W. Crooks Esq Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners.
John Ward Esq }

Dec 1839

Dountellott; petition for eliminating damages in Brimfield

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned, an Inhabitant of the Town of Brimfield, in the County aforesaid, respectfully represent, that in locating the new Road recently laid out by your Hon board, from Holland to Brimfield, said road traverses through the easterly part of his homestead, subjecting him to make much new fence, and cutting off from said lot, about three acres, leaving it of but little value to till; that in assessing the damages your Hon board have assessed to him Fifty five Dollars, which he candidly thinks does not bear a just proportion to his real damage, or to what is assessed to others. He therefore prays that your Hon. Board will review their proceedings in relation to his damages believing that by so doing, they will think it right and proper to give him an advance of damages, and as in duty bound, will ever pray

James Dountellott

Brimfield May 11th. 1838.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissions holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now, it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed

Selectmen of Montgomery Petition for alteration of Road in Montgomery and Westfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Montgomery in said County, represent, that the Highway leading from the Meetinghouse in Montgomery to Salmon Phelps in Westfield needs alterations in the location for the convenience and benefit of the Public, They therefore ask that the said Commissioners, will, as soon as may be, proceed to view said highway and make such alterations as they may think the public convenience requires Signed

Oren Parks } Selectmen
Ransom Clark, } of
Nathan Hutchinson } Montgomy

October 1st. 1838.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the Fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued from meeting to meeting till the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the Fourth Tuesday of June. A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Store of Alonzo Allen in Westfield on Friday the 9th day of August next, at 9 oclock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after hearings to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages Also. Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Past, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, leave the Town Clerks of Montgomery and Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1839. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return, as follows, viz

"Hampden ss. July 8. 1839 I served the Town Clerks of Westfield and Montgomery, each with an attested Copy of said petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their usual place of abode, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition C. Rice Sheriff"

At which said meeting, the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows, viz

Hampden ss. Augt. 9. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner

set forth in the foregoing petition and having caused to be published in a newspaper, printed in said County, the foregoing order and notice of said Commissioners, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf as is set forth in said order, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. And having viewed the same according to the prayer of said petition, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who were to be heard on the subject matter of said petition. Said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations, improvements and repairs should be made in said road or highway, between the termini therein mentioned, to wit, between the meeting house in said Montgomery and the dwelling house now or lately owned by said Solomon Phelps. and do report accordingly

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks }
Gideon Tuttle } County Commissr.
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted

At which last mentioned meeting it was Ordered, That that Commissioners meet at the House of Stiggis Upson in Westfield on Thursday the 7th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of the said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield and Montgomery each with an attested Copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows, viz

Hampden Ss. Oct. 1. 1839. I Served the Town Clerk of Montgomery and Westfield each with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual places of abode and of business, and also posted in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Ss. Nov. 7. 1839

The County Commissioners of said County, having given due and legal notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing returns of the Sheriff of said County as well as by the publication of an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in the foregoing order; met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract according to said order, and proceeded to lay out and establish certain alterations in the highway described in said petition and to direct repairs thereon as follows to wit.

Beginning at a bar post in the wall by the old road on land of Joseph T. Allen; thence S. 42° 20' E 29 rods 16 links to a stake, at the south west corner of said Allen's front Yard fence. Thence S. 15° E 21 rods to the South corner of said Allen's Cider Mill.; then S. 38° E. 3 rods 8 links to the South East corner of said Mill. Then S. 58° 30' E. 5 rods 7 links to a stake and Stones; then S. 57° 20' E. 10 rods to a Stake & Stones then S. 23° E. 9 rods 19 links to a heap of stones in the old highway upon a rock; then S 16° 30' E. 11 rods 10 links to an apple tree marked, on Peter Squires land; then S. 6° E. 31 rods to a stake and white Oak bush, at the fence by the old road; then S. 38° E. 20 rods to a Chesnut tree marked; then S. 28° E 11 rods 19 links to a Butternut tree marked; then S. 35° E. 11 rods 21 links to a stake and stones, by a rock; then S. 41° E. 44 rods to a Hemlock tree marked; then S. 57° 30' E. 24 rods to a stake and stones on Westfield town line; then S 48° 30' E. 20 rods to a stake; then S. 24° E. 19 rods, to a Chesnut Tree, by the old road; then in the old road S 26° 30' E. 10 rods to an Oak tree; then S. 10° E 11 rods 3 links to an ash tree. On this Course it is ordered, that the old road be repaired by filling from the Oak to the Ash tree and raised three feet at the foot of the hill between said trees. then same course, till it strikes the old travelled path again. On this Course the road is to be worked as near the lower line as is practicable, to avoid

the hill near the old Cellar place; then following the old road to a stake and stones on the North side thereof and running thence S. 12° E 14 rods 8 links to an apple tree marked; then S. 6° E. 20 rods to a Butternut tree, near the house now or lately owned & occupied by Salmon Phelps; then S. 9° E. 9 rods to the old road, nearly in front of the said Phelps house. The line above run, is on the North side of the road; from the first point at said Bar post to the Cider Mill, the road is laid 3 rods wide; and from Allens barn to a point 3 rods South of the south west corner of the Cider Mill, the same course is continued far enough east, to make the road four rods wide. And from that point, the road is laid four rods wide, till it intersects the old road near the Town line. It is also ordered that the road be widened from the point where this survey commenced by the Bar post on said Allen's land, so that the line of the road on the North side thereof, shall bear North 57° 20' West, about 12 rods. And it is also ordered, that the road be widened from near the brook East of the Barret place to a few rods east of the old Blacksmiths Shop, and the road worked as near the north side, as may be practicable. The hill near Nathan Chapmans is to be reduced and hauled down, so that the general grade shall not exceed four degrees elevation; and near said Chapman's west barn the rock or ledge in the road is to be removed, that the travel path there may be 18 feet wide. The above alterations we have located, and established as a public highway; and have allowed the owners of lands six months to remove wood, timber and other obstructions from the location

After locating, we heard all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, who desired to be heard upon the subject of damages, by reason of their lands being taken for said road and allowed and assessed damages as follows, to wit.

To	Joseph T. Allen	Thirty Dollars
"	Peter Squires	Seventy Dollars
"	Nathan Chapman	Twenty Dollars
"	Asen Parks	Thirty Dollars
"	Enoch A. Root	Fifteen Dollars
"	Herman Root	Thirteen Dollars

No other damages were claimed or allowed.

In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed. The travel path is to be 18 feet wide, exclusive of the ditches, and in all cases the lower side of the road on side hills, is to be sufficiently raised, that the water shall run towards the bank. All stumps, roots and large stones are to be removed, before the bed of the road is formed; all hills and knolls are to be properly hauled down and brought as near a uniform grade as may be. All bridges and sluices are to be built of

Stone, and made open and free, for the passage of water with sufficient width and depth: the road is to be so worked that the grade shall not exceed five degrees between said Allen's and the Phelps's house. And in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a thorough, workmanlike and substantial manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October next.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal
Gideon Bates & Seal
John Ward & Seal
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted & the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

Talmage — Marcus M. Talmage is Licensed as an Innholder and Seller of Wine and beer at the Stand occupied by Theodore Bartlett, in West Springfield, until the first of April next.

Com to Settle with Treasurer — Ordered. That James W. Brooks and Justice Willard, Esq. be a Committee to Settle with the County Treasurer.

Bridges at Three Rivers & Chester — Ordered That James W. Brooks, and John Ward Esq. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the rebuilding of the County Bridge at Three Rivers in Palmer, and to Superintend the Same, unless it shall be found, on examination, that said Bridge can be repaired. Also, to examine the new bridge at Chester Village, and report what allowance shall be made to the Town of Chester, out of the County Treasury for expense of rebuilding the same.

Merrick — John M. Merrick is Licensed as a Tavern in the Town of Wilbraham, to Sell Wine and fermented liquors at his new Dwelling House in the North Parish.

Hampden Ss. Dec 27th. 1839. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll, Clerk

April 8.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampshire ss.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampshire on the second Tuesday of April, being the fourteenth day of said Month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty, and from day to day to 18th day of said month.

By James W. Crooks, Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq } Commissioners
John Ward Esq

Petition of Augustus Collins for Levy E. Dam

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting, to be held on the Second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1838.

Augustus Collins of Westfield in said County, represents, that he is proprietor of a tract of land, lying in Russell in said County, on both sides of Westfield Great River, at Salmon Falls, so called, on which there is a valuable water privilege of the value of Five Thousand Dollars, and that the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company on the Sixth day of March A. D. 1837 located a feeder and a feeder Dam for their Canal upon said land, whereby the said land is overflowed and injured, and the water privilege destroyed, and the water diverted from its natural Channel, and said Company exported their said location to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire at their meeting, held on the first Tuesday of March A. D. 1837. And thereupon Marcus Kneeland, Moses Foster and Titus Mac Kay, were appointed Commissioners to estimate all damages sustained by any persons by reason of said location, and a warrant was duly issued to said Commissioners, directing them to make said estimate; and on the Twenty Seventh day of July last the said Collins duly filed, with the Clerk of Courts, for the County of Hampshire, his claim for damages, to his said Land, and water privileges in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars. And the said Commissioners, having viewed the premises, and heard the parties, and made an estimate of said damages, made a report of their proceedings to the said County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire at their meeting in December last; which report was then accepted by said County Commissioners; and agreeably to the Order of said County Commissioners, the said Report was published in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in Springfield in

said County of Hampden, on the Tenth day of January Cast. And in said Report the damages accasioned to said Collins as aforesaid, were estimated at the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars

The said Collins, being aggrieve and dissatisfied with said Estimate, prays that after due proceedings in the premises, a Jury may be summoned, agreeably to law to determine upon the amount of the damages aforesaid

By his attorneys Chapman & Atherton.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the Second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. and continued from meeting to Meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the County Commissions. that this petition be dismissed.

A. Post et al Petition for Jury to Es.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their meeting held at Springfield on the Second Tuesday of April A. D. 1838.

Abner Post. Administrator of the Goods and Estate of Ephas Cobb late of Westfield in said County deceased Lima Cobb. widow of said Ephas. for herself and for the minor children of said Ephas represents that said Cobbas in his life time, was seized, and your petitioners are now seized of certain real estate in said Westfield, on Main Street, bounded North on homeline Bartlett, East on the widow Lewis lot, so called, South on Main Street, and West on Abner Post, containing Seven Acres; that the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company on the 6th day of March A. D. 1837. located the Hampshire and Hampden canal over and across the said Land, and overflowed and destroyed a great part of the same, and said company reported their said location to said Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, at their meeting held on the first Tuesday of March. A. D. 1837. And thereupon Alanson Knox, Moses Porter, and Ithamar Conkey were appointed commissioners to examine and estimate all damages sustained by any person or persons, by reason of said location, and a Warrant was duly issued to said Commissioners directing them to make such estimate, and on the day of last past, the said Post, and the petitioners duly filed with the Clerk of the Court for the County of Hampshire, their claim for damages to their said Land in the sum of $100 dollars

And the said Commissioners having viewed the premises and heard the parties, and made an estimate of said damages, made a Report of their proceedings to the said County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, at their meeting in December

last, which Report was then accepted, by the said County Commissioners, and agreeably to the order of said County Commissioners, the said report was published in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in Springfield in said County of Hampden, on the tenth day of January last; and in said report the damages occasioned to the estate, late of said Cobb, as aforesaid were estimated at the sum of One hundred and eighty Dollars

The said petitioners being aggrieved and dissatisfied with said estimate, prays, that after due proceedings in the premises, a Jury may be Summoned agreeably to law, to determine upon the amount of the damages aforesaid

By Wm G. Bates, their attorney

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

I. Goodman Petition for Road W St.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden The petition of the subscribers, respectfully represents, that the public convenience and necesity require that the County Road Known as Water Street in Springfield, should be extended northerly from Bridge Street to Ferry Street, and that the same should be extended southerly to a convenient point south of Howard Street

They therefore pray that after due proceedings had, the Commissioners would lay out and establish the same or such part thereof as the public interests demand. Signed

april 1839. Ithamar Goodman & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday June, A. D. 1839 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the 14th day of August next, at 9 oclock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necesity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject.

of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff, of said County, or his deputy, leave the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to Sixteen Miles one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

This petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1839. and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order makes his return as follows viz.

Hamsfield Co. July 15. 1839. I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

O. Rice Sheriff.

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hamsfield Co. August 14. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and having also published in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, as the law in that behalf provides, and as set forth in said order, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, we were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that a highway be established from said Bridge Street as far north as the Western Rail Road; and also, that

a Highway be established from the South end of said Water Street, as far South as Williams Street, and that the said Williams Street leading from Main Street to Connecticut River be established as a public highway

And said Commissioners to adjudge and report in the premises. James W. Brooks one of the County Commissioners, being an inhabitant of the Town of Springfield, where said roads are situated as prayed for in said petition, did not act in this case, and John Gould, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted thereon

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles } County Commis-
John Ward }
John Gould Special Commis.

which report being read and considered is accepted and the ways adjudged of common convenience and necessity. viz

This petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the 13th day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of the said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and Corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of the said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an Attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to this Term. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order, made his return as followed viz

Hampden ss. March 5. 1840. I served the Town Clerk

of Springfield, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

A. Rice Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss April 13. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County as well as by having caused to be published, in the Hampshire Journal printed in said County, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof; according to the direction of law, in that behalf, which said service by the Sheriff and publication aforesaid were made and given according to the requirements in the foregoing order of said Commissioners, met at the time and place in said order mentioned as published in said abstract, and proceeded to lay out and establish two roads or highways as follows. John Gould, one of the Special commissioners, on being summoned, attending and acting on said petition in the place of James W. Brooks one of the County Commissioners an inhabitant of Springfield where said roads are situate.

First in extending Water Street Northerly towards the Rail Road Depot. We began at the North west corner of Bridge and Water Streets and run N 43° W. 52 rods 22 links to a point 4 links east of the S E corner of the freight house; and we have laid said road forty eight feet wide, measuring from the West side of the road as now established; the west side of the road being the line run as above described commencing at the South east corner of William Hunts, house lot, as the fence now stands. Then beginning at the North east corner post in Otis S. Bakers front fence on Howard Street and run S 41½° E 16 rods 12 links to a stake; then S 41° E 29 rods 8 links to Williams Street so called, and we have laid said road, being part of said Water Street, three rods wide, and the line run is the Westerly side thereof.

Second ~ Williams Street, so called is laid and established, as a public Highway or Road, three rods wide, beginning at the south east corner of Wellman's Shoe store on Main Street and running S 49½° W. to Connecticut river; the line run being the northerly side of said street. Said Williams's street having been heretofore opened as and for a public highway no damages were claimed by the owners of lands

those taken, but said owners relinquished all claims for damages, on a hearing in reference to that subject.

After locating and establishing the route of said highway above described, called Water Street, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages for their lands so taken; and have allowed and apprised to Charles Stearns, Four Hundred and Twenty five Dollars.

No other person or corporation was injured by said location, and no damages were claimed, or allowed except as above mentioned. Samuel Hills waives all claims to damages, as by his memorandum in writing and hereunto annexed. Until the first of July is allowed the owners of lands to remove fences, and all obstructions from said roads. Said roads are to be worked in a proper and substantial manner, the travel path to be at least 22 feet wide, exclusive of suitable ditches, and to be finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next.

All which is submitted.

Gideon Bates & Seal } County Commis'
John Ward & Seal }
John Gould & Seal. } Special Commis

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the above ways, are established as and for public highways.

I Brewer petition for Damages.

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden, at the April Term 1839.

The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield in the County aforesaid, respectfully represent, That in locating a Road recently laid out by the Board of Commissioners leading from Chesnut Street to Morgan Street, on the petition of Chester W. Chapin and others, said road runs across the lands of your petitioners from the County Farm (so called) to land of George Stebbins and containing fifteen rods of land, being 13 rods in length that in assessing the damages, the Board of Commissioners assessed to them Eleven Dollars, which your petitioners believe is not a just proportion of their real damage. Your petitioners therefore pray, that the Board of Commissioners would review their proceedings in relation to the assessment of damages and reassess the said damages, and in duty bound will pray.

James Brewer
Band-b. Brewer. by
James Brewer

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

and continued from term to term to this Term. And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

Verdict of Jury on pet. of S. Cook

To the County commissioners of the County of Hampden
On the petition of Sanley Cook, against the Western Rail Road Corporation, the Jurors on their Oath do say, after viewing the premises, and hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel, that the said Cook have and recover of said Corporation, for damages, occasioned by the location and construction of said Rail Road, the sum of Nine Hundred Eighty four Dollars and fifty eight cents

Jan. 15th 1840.

Hampden Ss Court of Common Pleas. Feb Term 1840.
I certify that the above Verdict, of which the above is a true copy, was returned to this Court at this Term, and was adjudicated upon by the Court, and the Verdict was set aside for good Cause.

A true Copy of the original Verdict, and the adjudication of the Court of Common Pleas, thereon.

Attest. John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Verdict of Jury on pet of H Lindsey

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
On the petition of Herman Lindsey against the Western Rail Road Corporation, the Jurors on Oath do say, after viewing the premises, and hearing the evidence and arguments of Counsel, that the said Lindsey have and recover of said Corporation, as damages occasioned by the location and construction of said Road, the sum of one thousand Dollars.

Hampden Ss Court of Common Pleas Feb Term 1840.
I certify that the above Verdict, of which the above is a true Copy, was returned to the Court of Common Pleas, at this Term and adjudicated upon by the Court, and the Verdict was set aside for good cause

A true Copy of the original Verdict and the adjudication of the Court of Common Pleas thereon

Attest John Ingersoll, Clerk.

W. W. R. R Co pet. for Change Road in Westfield Nobles Mills.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Petition of the The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents. That their Rail Road, as located in the town of Westfield passes upon and across the Roads or public Highways leading from Nobles Mills (so called) in Westfield to Chaunkee and the Road leading by the Dwelling house of Noadiah Bosworth in an inconvenient manner and dangerous to the public travel; and the course of said Roads may be altered without injury thereto, as follows viz

Beginning at the Easterly end of the Road as altered by said Corporation, and lately made and wrought and running thence South eastly in the present travelled path to or near to the point of junction of the two roads, and then near to the point of junction of the two roads, and then bearing easterly, near the northerly line of the Canal, about one Hundred and fifty feet; and crossing the Canal of the New Haven and Northampton Company by a Bridge, and passing South Easterly, near the North easterly line of land of your petitioners, and to intersect the County road lately located by the County Commissioners on land of Wm B. Noble, passing upon lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Nehemiah Bosworth, the New Haven and Northampton Company, lands of your petitioners, and of Wm. B. Noble or some of them. And for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same; your petitioners think proper to alter the same accordingly in the whole or in part.

Your petitioners therefore pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said Road shall be made, and have such other proceedings in the premises, as the law requires

Dated at Springfield, this Twenty fourth day of March A. D. 1840.

The Western R. R Corporation
By Geo Bliss Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. March 24. 1840.

The foregoing petition being this day presented to the Subscriber Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered That the said Commissioners meet at the house of John Rogers, called Rogers' Tavern in Westfield, on Friday the third day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on said petition, And it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield and to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, and whose lands shall be taken in the alterations of said roads as prayed for therein, by serving them respectively with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this Order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting And the said Western Rail Road Corporation as principal and R. B. Morris as Surety, appear and recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition James W. Brooks, Chairman

To Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Nehemiah Bosworth and William B. Noble all of Westfield in the County of Hampden, and the New Haven

and Northampton company.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way, leading from Noble's Mills (so called) in Westfield to Chapunk, and the road leading by the Dwelling house of Noadiah Bosworth in an inconvenient manner and dangerous to the public travel and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more easterly from near the point of Junction of said roads, and passing near the northerly line of the Canal, and crossing the Canal, and passing near the northerly line of land of said Corporation, and to intersect with the new County Road, lately located on land of William B. Noble so that the same as altered, will pass over lands of Margaret Ashliff, Sophia Merrick, Noadiah Bosworth William B. Noble, the New Haven and Northampton Company, and the Western Rail Road Corporation or some of them, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the third day of April next, at 10 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W Brooks Chairman

Springfield March 24. A. D. 1840.

Springfield March 24. 1840.

I certify that I have notified the within named Margaret Ashliff, Sophia Merrick, Noadiah Bosworth, and William B. Noble, by giving to Margaret Ashliff and William B Noble each, an attested copy of this Order of notice; and by leaving at the dwelling house of Noadiah Bosworth a true and attested copy of this order, and by leaving at the dwelling house of Sophia Merrick a copy of the order.

R. B. Morris.

I also certify that I have notified the New Haven and Northampton Company, by sending to Henry Farnam Esq. an Engineer of Company, by mail, a true and attested copy of this order: and also by sending to Samuel L. Pinckney Esq. of Northampton a director in said company, by the hands of Charles Stearns Esq. a true copy of this order

R. B. Morris,

March 25, 1840,

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Noble's Mills (so called) in Westfield to Chapucke, and the road leading by the dwelling house of Noadiah Bosworth, in an inconvenient manner, and dangerous to the public travel, and that for the purpose of annihilating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more Easterly from near the point of the junction of said roads and keeping near the Northerly line of the Canal, and crossing the Canal and keeping near the northerly line of land of said Corporation, and to intersect with the new County road lately located on land of William B. Noble, so that the same, as altered, will pass over lands of Sophia Merrick, Margarett Tobliff, Noadiah Bosworth The New Haven and Northampton Company, The Western Rail Road Corporation and William B. Noble, or some of them; and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet, for that purpose, at Rogers' Tavern, in Westfield, on the third day of April next at 10 o'clock, A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order, James W. Crooks Chairman

Springfield, March 24th A. D. 1840.

I certify that I have notified the Selectmen of of Westfield within named, by giving to David Mosley one of the said Selectmen, a true copy of this order. March 26. 1840.

R. D. Morris

Hampden Ss. April 3d 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given Reasonable notice to Margaret Tobliff, Sophia Merrick, Noadiah Bosworth and William B. Noble named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, and having also given the like notice to David Mosley one of the Selectmen of Westfield by serving each of the above named persons with an Abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them respectively, and the said Town of Westfield, the notice to said Town having been served on said Mosley one of the Selectmen as aforesaid, copies of which several notices are on file, and herewith annexed, met the said several persons above named, viewed

of lands, for and on their behalf, and the Town of Westfield by David Mosley and Roswell Sherman, and also the said Corporation, by W. D. Morris, their attorney; on the third day of April 1860, at the time and place mentioned in said abstract notices, to wit, at Rogers Tavern in said Westfield And said Commissioners proceeded forthwith to view the premises set forth and described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all parties interested upon the subject of damages, as well as in reference to the proposed alterations of said roads, we appraised and estimated the damages of Nondiah Bosworth at the sum of Forty Dollars, to be paid him by said Corporation for the injury sustained by him in the said alterations, for his lands taken for the same

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William B. Noble and the Western Rail Road Corporation, claim no damages, but relinquish the same for their lands so taken. And it appearing that Margaret Topliff and Sophia Merrick, have no interest in lands over which said alterations are made, no damages are allowed them.

The alteration of said roads is as follows, to wit, said Road is laid and established two rods wide, and according to the minutes, Plan and Survey hereinafter mentioned and described, and is laid upon and over lands of said Noble, Bosworth and said Corporation. And, if it should hereafter be adjudged expedient and necessary to encrease the width of said road, the same is to be done and ordered by the County Commissioners unless the same shall be voluntarily widened by the owner or owners of the lands adjoining.

Alterations, &c.

Began at an angle in the present travelled road against the Barn of Sophia Merrick and Margaret Topliff and run South, 76½° East, 173 feet, to a point against the House of said Sophia Merrick and Margaret Topliff; then South 60½° East, 96 feet to the West side of the road, leading to the Farms; then South, 83° East, across said road, 50 feet; then South, 87½° East, 95 feet, to a point on the northwesterly side of the Canal: then South, 41½° East, 65 feet to a Stake standing on the Tow path of the Canal 5 feet South westerly of the fence, between Lyman Smith and the Western Rail Road Corporation: then South 46° east, 220 feet to a stake, standing by the new County road, five feet south westerly of Lyman Smith's land And the same is located 33 feet wide on the Southerly side of said line as run, and is partly on the old road as travelled; partly over Land of Nodiah Bosworth; partly over land occupied by the New Haven and Northampton Canal Company, partly

over land of the Western Rail Corporation and partly over land of William B. Noble, and we have assessed to Noadiah Bosworth, Forty Dollars in full of damages, to be paid by the Western Rail Road Corporation. And all other persons and corporations relinquished all claims for damages; therefore we have assessed none to any other persons or Corporations

And we have discontinued all that part of the old county road, leading to Pochassuck, lying westerly of the west end of the Barn standing on land of the western Rail Road Corporation and that part of the road leading across the land from the point where it turned to cross the Canal on the South-erly side of the Rail Road, to where it intersects with the present located road, as prayed for in said petition

All which is submitted

James W. Crocker & Seal
John Ward & Seal } County Comrs
Gideon Stiles & Seal

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the alterations established

W. R. R. C. Petition to assess Damages Westfield to Horace Noble.

To the Hon. the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Petition of The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a part of land situated in Westfield in the County of Hampden, claimed to be owned by Horace Noble of said Westfield, and that land thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly on land of the heirs or devisees of William Moseley deceased on a North-erly partly on land of Isaac Harden, and partly on the old County road; and is described as follows, viz Beginning by land of the devisees or heirs of William Moseley, deceased, and run westerly by land of Consider B. Mallory, and land of Ira Yeomans, 240 to a point 2½ rods Northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track against station No 487 of the Rail Road; then Westerly, parallel to said centre line and 2½ rods distant therefrom 362 feet to land of Isaac Hardin; then southerly by land of said Hardin 77 feet; then Westerly by land of said Hardin 82 feet to the County road; then southerly by the County road 18 feet to a point 2½ rods southerly of said centre line at right angles; then easterly parallel to said centre line 666 feet to land of the devisees or heirs of William Moseley; then Northerly by lands of said devisees or heirs, 85 feet to the place of beginning containing one acre twenty rods of land. Reserving, however, to said Noble, the right to have the buildings now standing on the edge of the premises, remain where it now stands, so long as he may wish

Also, they have laid and located their Rail Road upon and across one other tract of land, claimed to be owned by said Horace Noble, which said land is situated in said Westfield; and that part thereof to taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly by the old County road; southerly by the Pochasack road; and Westerly by the new county road, as lately located, on land of William B Noble, and is described as follows, viz; Beginning by the old County road at a point 2½ rods Northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, and run Westerly, parallel to said centre line and 2½ rods distant therefrom 155 feet, to the new County road or land of William B. Noble; then southerly by land of said William B. Noble, or the new county road, about 88 feet to the Pochassuck road; then Easterly by the Pochasuck road about 132 feet to the old County road; then Easterly by the old county road about 75 feet to the place of beginning, containing Forty one half rods of land. That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said land by voluntary agreement with the said Horace Noble. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Noble, thereby according to law.

The Western Rail Road Corp.
By R. D. Morris their Atty.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss March 25th 1840.

The foregoing petition being this day presented to the Subscriber Chairman of the County Commissioners of said County, it is ordered, that the said Commissioners it is ordered that the said Commissioners meet at the house of John Rogers, called Rogers Tavern in Westfield on Friday the third day of April next at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on said petition; and it is also ordered, that seasonable notice be given to the said Horace Noble, and to all other persons and Corporations interested therein, by serving them respectively with an Abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And the said Western Rail Road Corporation as principal, and R. D. Morris, as surety, appear and recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two hundred Dollars each, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

James N. Brooks Chairman

To Horace Noble of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said

County, upon and over lands, claimed to be owned by you as said Westfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the third day of April next, at 1 O'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per Order James W. Brooks Chairman

March 25th 1840.

I certify that I have this day given to Horace Noble within named, a true copy of this Order.

R. D. Morris.

March 26. 1840.

Hampden ss. April 3. 1840.

The County Commissions of said County, having given reasonable notice to Horace Noble, named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, a copy whereof is on file and hereunto annexed, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, met the said Horace Noble on his behalf, and R. D. Morris on behalf of said Corporation, at Rogers' Tavern, in Westfield on this third day of April, 1840, agreeable to said Notice. And said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises set forth and described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard the said Noble and Morris fully upon the subject matter of the said petition, and particularly as to the injury and damage said Noble would sustain by reason of the location of said Rail Road upon and over his said lands, have estimated and appraised the said injury and damage for his lands so taken, at the sum of Nine Hundred and Thirty five Dollars, to be paid to him the said Noble, by the said Corporation. The building standing near the old Bridge is allowed to remain there as is reserved in said petition.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles & Seal
John Ward & Seal
} County Com.

Which Report, being read and considered is accepted.

W. R. R. C. Petition to assess damages Roswell King in Westfield

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of land situated in Westfield in said County of Hampden which said land is claimed to be owned by Roswell King of said Westfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road, is bounded Easterly on land of Sylvanus G. Morley, and westerly on land of Ambrose Day, and southerly on the County Road as now altered and located, and is described as follows viz Beginning by land of Sylvanus G. Morley, at a point 2½ rods Northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly parallel to said centre line and 2½ rods distant therefrom, 110 rods to land of Ambrose Day; then southerly by land of said Day, five rods to a point 2½ rods southerly of said centre line, and to the county road, as now located; then easterly parallel to said centre line and by the northerly side of the county road, One hundred and ten rods to land of Sylvanus G. Morley; then northerly by said Morley to the place of beginning. Containing, exclusive of the Old county road, and the Northampton Road crossing the same, One acre, One Hundred fourteen rods, of land. reserving the right to said King to have his House, standing westerly of the Northampton road, remain in the place where it now stands. so long as the same shall be tenantable.

That Your petitioners have not been able to obtain said Lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray, the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises and estimate the damages of damages, if any sustained, by the said King, thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this Tenth day of February A. D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corporation
By
A. B. Mons their atty

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Ss. February 11th A. D. 1840.

The foregoing petition, being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered that the County Commissioners will meet at Roswell King's Tavern in Westfield in said County on the twenty fourth day of February current, at 12 o'clock Noon. then and there to act on said petition; and it is ordered that Reasonable notice previous to the time of meeting, be given to the said Roswell King, by serving him with an

abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof. And The Western Rail Road Corporation, as principal, and Richard D. Morris, as surety, appear and recognize in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each to the county of Hampden conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition

James W. Brooks Chairman C Com^rs

To Roswell King of Westfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas The Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their rail road in the Town of Westfield, in said County, upon and over lands, claimed to be owned by You in said Westfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file And further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Your House, in Westfield on the 24th day of Feb^y inst. at 12 Oclock M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order, James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield Feb. 10 A. D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day served notice upon the above named Roswell King by giving him an attested copy of the above notification.

Feb. 15. 1840 R. D. Morris

Hampden ss. Feb^y 24. 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County having given Reasonable notice to Roswell King named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, met the said King, and R. D. Morris Esq. who appeared on behalf of the said Corporation, at the house of the said Roswell King in Westfield on this Twenty-fourth day of February agreeably to said notice, a copy of which said abstract is on file and hereunto annexed. And said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises set forth and described in said petition: and having viewed the same, and heard the said King by himself, and by his counsel, Patrick Boyle Esq and also having heard the said Corporation by the said Morris, fully upon the subject matter of said petition, and particularly as to the damages

said King would sustain, by reason of the location of said Rail Road upon and over his said lands, and the injury to his buildings thereby, have estimated and appraised the damages said King will sustain by reason of his lands being so taken, at the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Seventy five Dollars, to be paid him by said Corporation

The small house, North west of the Tavern, is to remain as long as the same is tenantable. The cut in front of said house not to come within ten feet of the same, from the top of the slope, which said ten feet of land is not to be broken or removed, so long as said house remains there and is tenantable

Two convenient crossings are to be made for said King, where he will be best accommodated. And the foregoing Sum of Fifteen Hundred and Seventy five Dollars, said Commissioners award and determine to be paid to the said Roswell King, by the said Western Rail Road Corporation as damages for injury by him sustained in taking his lands, and all expenses and charges in removing his buildings.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks. Seal
John Wood Seal } County Com'rs
Sidney Stiles Seal

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Ely & Day. Ferry

Petatiah Ely and Linus Day, are licensed to Keep a Horse Boat Ferry, called Jones Ferry near Frederick Chapin's in Springfield, they having given bond as the law provides as by papers on file.

County Treasurer Hereby

Ordered By the County Commissioners, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars for the Current expenses of the County, and to give a Note or notes therefor, and to renew the same from time to time, as may be deemed necessary to be reimbursed from the Taxes to be collected the present Year.

Master of House of Correction

Noah Clark is appointed Master of the House of Correction, in the place of William H. Foster.

Con Klin

John J. Conklin, is licensed as a retailer of Spirituous and Liquors in the Town of West Springfield

Bond

Cornelius Bond, is licensed as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors in the Town of Palmer.

McRay

John McCray is licensed as Tavern Keeper in the South Parish of Wilbraham, at his Tavern Stand.

Ezra Kimbely is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at his house at the Watershops — Kimbely

Lorester Bonney is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield, at his house in Main Street. — Bonney

George O. Richards is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield, at the Columbian Hotel on the Hill. — Richards

Fordyce Bonney, is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at the Franklin Hotel on the Hill — Bonney

Robert C. Peck & James M. Pimy are licensed as Innholders in the Town of Springfield at the Bridge Place. — Peck et al

Ezekiel Adams is licensed as an innholder on his House at Chicopee Falls in Springfield — Adams

Newell Sargeant is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield, at his house in Main Street. — Sargeant

Austin Chapin 2d is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at his house in Cabotville — Chapin 2d

Olofson Pendleton is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield, at his house in Williamsett — Pendleton

Jeremy Warriner is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at his House — Warriner

John Goodrich is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at his House on Main Street — Goodrich

Elisha N. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at the Five Mile House on the Main — Fuller

Elisha Gunn is licensed as a Retailer, in the Town of Springfield, at his Store on the Hill. — Gunn

Jonathan Bangs is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store on the Hill. — Bangs

Pease & Sons are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at Cabotville in S. Chase buildings South of the M. E. Church — Pease et al

Bryant & Bliss are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield, at the Store late of Elisha Edwards. — Bryant & Bliss

W. L. Rogers &c. are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store in State Street, near the River — Rogers

Webster — Sheldon Webster is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store on Main Street.

H & J. Brewer — Henry & James Brewer are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store on Main Street.

Covell & Goodwin — Covell & Goodwin are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store in Springfield

Upham & C. — Upham & Ingraham are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store on the Hill.

Stocking — Elisha D. Stocking is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store on the Hill

Burt. — Francis Burt is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Longmeadow, at his Store near the meeting house.

Colton — Diamond Colton is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Longmeadow near the meeting house

Stevens — Isaac Stevens is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Chester at the place Kept by him last Year

Parmenter — Jonas Parmenter is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Chester, at the same place Kept by him last Year

Tinker — Charles Tinker is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Russell at his Store in Russell

Wheeler — Calvin Wheeler is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West-Springfield, at the Store he now occupies in Feeding Hills

Crafts — Chester Crafts, is licensed as an innholder in the Town of WestSpringfield, at the Stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish

Winchell — Sardis Winchell is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of WestSpringfield, at the Stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish

King — Roswell King is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield at his place of residence

Loomis — Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, at the house he now occupies.

Arnold — Elijah Arnold is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield, in the Store he now occupies

Ely — William Ely is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield, in said buildings

Ezra Hubbard is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West- Hubbard
field, at the Shop he now occupies in Elm Street in Kings building

Israel M. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder in the Town Parsons
of Westfield, in the house he now occupies

Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the Chapman
Town of Westfield, at the house he now occupies

Micajah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder in the Town Taylor
of Westfield, at the house he now occupies

Enoch Doane is licensed as an Innholder in the town Doane
of Southwick, at the house he now occupies

William White is licensed as a Retailer in the Town White
of Longmeadow, at his Store near the meeting House.

Martin Bowles is licensed as a Retailer in the Town Bowles
of Westfield in the Store he now occupies.

Amos Allen is licensed as an Innholder in the Town Allen
of West Springfield at the Stand he now occupies

Silas Dewey is licensed as a Retailer in the Town Dewey
of West Springfield, at the Store he now occupies.

George Bebee is licensed as an Innholder in the town Bebe
of Southwick, at the house he now occupies.

Ashley Hayden is licensed as an Innholder, in the Hayden
Town of Ludlow, at a place called Potts Bridge

Harrington Collins is licensed as an Innholder in the Collins
Town of Chester, at Fallys X Roads.

Abner Allen Jr. is licensed as an Innholder in the Allen Jr.
Town of Palmer, at the house he now occupies

John Rogers is licensed as an Innholder in the Rogers
Town of Westfield, on the North side Great River

John S. Rogers is licensed as a Retailer in the Rogers
Town of Westfield, at the Store lately occupied by John Rogers

Francis Clemons & Stephen Shapley are licensed Clemons &c
as Retailers in the Town of Westfield, near the Bank.

Abel Calkins is licensed as an Innholder in the Calkins
Town of Palmer at the Three Rivers

Elias Turner is licensed as an Innholder in the Turner
Town of Palmer at Thorndike Village

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Weld — Willard Weld, is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Holland, at the Store owned by Lewis Glavin

Anderson — Orlin Anderson is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Holland, at the Store owned by Eldridge G Fuller

Kinney — Elisha Kinney is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Holland, near the meeting House

Browning Jr — Joseph B. Browning, Jun. is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Brimfield in the Centre of the Town.

Johnson — Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, in the house lately occupied by L. Gillett & Co.

Henry — Albert G. Henry is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester at the same place he occupied last year.

Truesdell & — Pearly Truesdell Jr. and Sanford J. Stinson are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Russell at their Store formerly occupied by John Gould.

Hawley — Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Russell at his new Tavern Stand

Clarke — Warren Clarke is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of West Springfield at the house he now occupies

Whitman — Lyman Whitman is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West Springfield at the Store he now occupies

Talmadge — Marcus M. Talmadge is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of West Springfield, at the Stand he now occupies

Pease — Abial H. Pease is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Granville in the House he now occupies.

Ives — John Ives is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Longmeadow,

Baldwin — John Baldwin is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Wilbraham, at the old Glover Stand,

Lindsey — William Lindsey is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Blandford in the house near the meeting house in Chester Village.

Gibbs — Lucius Gibbs is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Chester, at the Store lately occupied by Gibbs & Ingersoll

Cornelius Miller is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Miller
Wales, in the house where he now resides

Monzo W. Dewey is licensed as an Innholder in the Dewey
Town of Palmer, near the Depot in the Town of Palmer.

Elijah Seymour is licensed as an Innholder in the Seymour
Town of Granville, in the house he now occupies

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder in the Phelps
Town of Granville, at the house he now occupies.

Timothy M. Cooley 2d is licensed as a Retailer in Cooley 2d
the Town of Granville, at the Store he now occupies

Samuel S. Day is licensed as an innholder in Day
the Town of Blandford in the house called the Blond-
ford Coffee house.

Amos Norcop is licensed as an innholder in Norcop
the Town of Monson, near the centre of the Town.

Joseha Fuller is licensed as an innholder in the Fuller
Town of Ludlow, at the place where Ely Fuller formerly
kept.

Justin Loomis is licensed as a retailer of Spiritous Loomis
liquors, in the Town of Rupell, at the house formerly
called the Doolittle house.

William Sessions and Otis Lane Jr. are licensed Sessions
as retailers of Spiritous liquors in the Town of Brim-
field in their Store.

Elijah Seymour is licensed as a Retailer in the Seymour
Town of Granville, at the Store he now occupies.

William L. Tingley is licensed as a Retailer, in Tingley
the Town of Springfield at Chicopee Falls at the Store
he now occupies.

The following accounts against the County were preferred Accounts
to and allowed by the County Commissioners at the above
meeting and Ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury
viz. To Willard Weld, witness in case of Pet of Silas Bemis 1.40
" Reuben Underwood do .90
" David Morey do 1.40
" Elisha Kinney do .82
" Abner Webb do .82
" David Weld do 1.16
" Benjamin R. Weld do 1.16

To Erastus Webber	do	1.32
" Newel Glazier	do	.52
" Archibald Nelson	do	1.20
" David R Dean	do	1.40
" Samuel Chandler	do	1.00
" I. R. Browning	do	.50
" Marquis Converse	do	16.00
" Julius Bird	do	.66
" Elijah Farbell	do	.50
" Marquis Converse witness in case of E. Farbell &		.58
" Simeon Bliss	do	.58
" Asa Lincoln	do	.58
" Jas. D. Browning	do	.58.
" John Wood, Agent for 3 Rivers bridge & Trans		76.79
" Gideon Stiles Committee of Army Bills at Charlestown		9.50
" James M. Crooks agent & Com do &c		24.67
" William Rice Ho of Rooms of St. R. Mc Measures		18.38
" Alvin James Attorney		3.00
" Rufus Buck work at County House		6.12½
" Amasa Parsons work at Court House		31.75
" Simeon Sanborn labor & materials		29.39
" Graves & Gaylord " & paints		3.40
" David Manley " at Great River Bridge		7.00
" Sheriffs Bill		62.43
" John Dixon as Witness &c		2.50
" Stone & Parsons Coal		.31
" Estate of C. Smith Setting Glass		50
" George W. Castleton Bill Cords &c		6.25
" James Wells Labor		19.12
" James Swan Doctor at Jail		5.00
" John Ingersoll Bill		15.79
" Sears & Crosby work &c Jail		45.89
" Mr H. Foster Trustee of Room of Convention &c		105.66.

Hampden 2d April 25th 1848 All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest. John Ingersoll, Clerk.

June 1840

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the Twenty third day of said month, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and forty, and from day to day to the first day of July.

By James W. Crocker, Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } County Commissioners.
John Ward Esq. }

Simeon Pease petition for Road in Spring & Ludlow

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

I Respectfully represent, the subscribers, that the Road leading from the "Robinson road" so called, in Springfield to the "Wild Brook" in Ludlow is very crooked and much out of repair. They would therefore pray Your board to view said road, and to make such alterations in the same by straitening and shortening, as in the judgment of your board shall seem best for the public convenience They would further pray Your board to view a route and lay a new road leading from said "Wild Brook" in Ludlow, to intersect the road leading from Timothy Nash's to Ludlow City, so called.

(Signed) Simeon Pease, & others.

Springfield Oct. 1. 1838

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden in Springfield on the first Thursday of October A. D. 1838 and continued from term to term to the Term holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1839. at which Term it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet at Chapins Hotel House in Springfield on Thursday the 15 day of August next at 9 oclock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein & and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County in his

deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield and Sutton with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles, one of said commissioners on or before the time of said meeting.

James W Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1839 and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order, made his return as follows viz

Hampden Ss. July 15. 1839 I served the Town Clerks of Springfield and Sutton each with an attested Copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to each, and I also posted up in two publick places in each of said Towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last said meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows viz

Hampden Ss August 15. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and also by causing to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and at the time and place in said order of notice mentioned and proceeded to view the road described in said petition according to the prayer thereof and after viewing the same and hearing all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard in the premises, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that certain pieces of new road and certain alterations of existing roads, together with certain improvements and the right repairs, should be established and made in the road described in said petition, to wit, between the termini therein mentioned, and said Commissioners so adjudge, and so Report in the premises.

James W Brooks one of the County Commissioners did not act in this case, being an Inhabitant of Springfield, where said road is situate, and John Gould, one of the Special Commissioners was summoned appeared and acted in his stead.

All which is Submitted

Gideon Stiles
John Ward
John Gould
} County Commissioners

Said Report being read and considered is accepted and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.
And this petition was continued to the sitting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1840
At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of Lyman Seymour in Ludlow on Wednesday the 3 day of June next, at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages
Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place once two before of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said county the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Springfield and Ludlow, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles Esq. one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above Order, made his Return as follows, viz

Hampden ss. April 30. 1840. I served the Town Clerks of Springfield and Ludlow each, with an attested Copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by delivering the same to them: and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition C. Rice. Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners, make their return in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden Ss. June 3 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the forgoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also, by publishing in a Newspaper, printed in said County, as the law directs, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, and also the manner of publication, as is set forth in said order, and in said abstract so published as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said order and abstract mentioned. James W. Brooks, one of the County Com-

misconnies, did not act on said petition, by reason of interest, he being an inhabitant of Springfield, where said road is situated, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted thereon. And they constituted proceeded to lay out and establish a highway as follows. Beginning on the westerly side of the old Road, a few rods southerly of E. Torrey's house, on land of Asahel Nash, at a stake by the Wall, near a gate way and running thence N. 65½° W. 41 rods to a stake. Then N. 68½° W. 99 Rods to a stake. Then N. 70¼° W. 24 rods 10 links. Then S. 89½° W. 12 rods 7 links. Then S. 73° W. 11 rods 5 links, crossing the old road, to a stake. Then N. 81° W. 4 rods and recrossing the old road, to a stake easterly from a causeway. Then N. 35½° W. 7 rods and 21 links to a point directly under the top of a leaning maple tree, northerly of said causeway by a small brook. Then N. 52¾ W. 17 rods to a stake on the high ground in a Rye field; on the Northerly side of the old road. Then N. 56½° W. 44 Rods 22 links to a small Yellow pine, marked on the Northerly side of the old road. Then N. 51½° W. 21 rods 10 links, recrossing the old road to a stone monument, on the Town line of Ludlow and Springfield, on the Southerly side of old road. Then N. 60¼° W. 269 rods 23¾ links to a stake and Stone, on the Northerly side of the old road, and on the South side of the Robinson road. Said road is laid three rods wide, and the line run is the north or right hand limits.

Until the first of October next, is allowed for the owners of lands to remove Fences, Trees, Wood and other obstructions from the location.

After locating, we hereby all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages, who chose to be heard, and appear and allowed damages as follows

To Asahel Nash Eight Dollars

No other person was injured by said location, but all other owners of lands were benefitted thereby, and no further damages were allowed.

Said Road is to be well worked, 16 feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and made in a good and workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, by the first day of July 1841.

All which is submitted

Gideon Miles } County Commrs
John Dand } County Commrs
Lucius Wright } Special Commrs

Which Report being read and considered is accepted and the way adjudged of public convenience and necessity.

Abner Allen Jun. et al petition for alter of Road in Palmer

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
We, the Subscribers respectfully represent, that the Public convenience and necessity require that alterations should be made in the road leading from the Rail Depot in Palmer, to the centre of the Town, and also from the centre of the Town to the School House near Wilson Porters in said Palmer. They therefore pray, that the Commissioners would view said Road, and make such alterations and improvements, as they shall think the Public convenience requires, as by layeing a new road, where they may think it necessary.

(Signed)

Abner Allen Jr. & others

Palmer, Sept. 28. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abner Allen Jun. in Palmer on Tuesday the 21st. day of November next. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all Persons and Corporations interested therein, and if the same Shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting all persons and Corporations interested, upon the Subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given, to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James R. Brooks. Chairman

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1839. and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Cp. Oct. 12. 1839. I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him; and also I putted up in said Town in two public places an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last said meeting the County Commissioners made this Report in writing as follows.

Hampden Cp. Nov. 21. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given due and legal notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as well as by publication of a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice in a newspaper printed in said County stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in the foregoing order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and published as aforesaid. John Ward, one of the County Commissioners, being an inhabitant of Palmer where Lane Road is situated, did not act on said petition, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted thereon in the place of said Ward. And the board, thus constituted, proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who desired to be heard when the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations, improvements and Specific repairs should be made in said road, according to the prayer of said petition, and do report accordingly. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks } County Commrs
Gideon Stiles }
Lucius Wright } Special Comms.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the Second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Lyman Keep, in Palmer on Friday the 29th. day of May next, at 2 o'clock P.M. on the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said

petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer, with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to this Term. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order, made his Return as follows.

"Hampden Ss. April 29th. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Palmer, with an attached Copy of this petition and Order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said Commissioners meeting

C. Rice Sheriff

And now, the County Commissioners make their report as follows, viz.

Hampden Ss. May 29. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth by the foregoing return of the Sheriff, of said County, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof as the law in that behalf directs, and as is required by the foregoing order, and by the abstract so published as aforesaid, met at the time place, and for the purpose mentioned in said abstract and the foregoing order. John Ward, one of the County Commissioners, being an inhabitant of Palmer, did not act on said petition: but Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted on the same in the place of said Ward. And the board, thus constituted, proceeded to establish an alteration in said road, and laid out and established said Road as follows, viz

Beginning on the north side of the highway

Northerly about forty rods from the depot of the Western Rail Road in Palmer, at the southwest corner of land of Elisha Converse, Jr. by his new barn and running thence on the Westerly line of said Converse, land, No 22½° E. 73 rods. 8 links to a stake about 3 links from the southwest corner of a burying ground: then N. 25° E. 62 rods and 10 links to crossing and recrossing the old road to a stake and stones on the East side of the old road. Said last mentioned stake and stones, being one rod and eight links from a white pine, marked, and on a course or bearing from said stake and stones. S. 68½° E.: and we laid said road three rods wide, and on the west side of the line, above run, on land of John Shaw. After locating said road, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages, and appraised and allowed damages for lands taken as follows.

To John Shaw, we allowed Fifty three dollars

No other person or corporation was injured by the location of said road, and no further damages claimed or allowed. And we have allowed three months to the owners of lands for removing Timber, wood, fences and other obstructions from said location.

Said road is to be worked 2c feet wide, for the travel path, exclusive of ditches, to be well raised and bedded, with loam or gravel, with proper sluices and watercourses, and finished in a substantial and workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June 1841.

All which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles & Seal
Curtis Wright & Seal

County Com

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the way therein described established as and for a highway.

W. R. R. Co petition to appt Damages

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Ambrose Day Jun. of Westfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the Town of Westfield in said county of Hampden, and that part thereof to be taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz Beginning by land lately owned by Ambrose Day at a point 50 feet northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly as follows viz parallel to said line 40 feet; then 100 feet to a point 2½ rods from said centre line: then parallel to said centre line 355 feet, to land lately owned by

Stephen Harrison. Then Southerly by land lately owned by Stephen Harrison, 85 feet to a point 2½ rods southerly of said centre line Then Easterly parallel to said centre line 453 feet to land lately owned by Ambrose Day. Then North easterly by land ~~late~~ owned by Ambrose Day to the place of beginning containing one hundred forty three rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Walter Cooley, of West Springfield in said County of Hampden, which said land is situated in said Town of West Springfield, and that part thereof to be taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly on land of Justin Ely, and Westerly on land of Abel Cooley and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Justin Ely at a point 2½ rods Northerly of the true centre point of the line of the Rail Road as located for a double track and run westerly as follows, viz parallel to said centre line, 154 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre line. then 15 feet to a point 61 feet from said centre line to land of Abel Cooley; then Southerly by land of Abel Cooley 104 feet to a point 2½ rods Southerly of said centre line; then Easterly parallel to said centre line, 400 feet to land of Justin Ely; then Northerly by land of Justin Ely 86 feet to the place of beginning, containing one hundred twenty five Rods of land

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Abel Cooley of West Springfield in said County of Hampden, which said land is situated in said Town of West Springfield, and that part thereof to be taken for said rail road is bounded easterly on land of Walter Cooley, and Westerly on land of Ezekiel Day, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Walter Cooley at a point 61 feet northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly as follows, viz 90 feet to a point 75 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 2½ rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 80 feet to land of Ezekiel Day; then southerly by land of said Day 100 feet to a point 2½ rods southerly of said centre line; then easterly parallel to said centre line 400 feet to land of Walter Cooley; then Northerly by land of Walter Cooley 104 feet to the place of beginning. containing one hundred thirty seven rods of land. That in all cases where the said Road is located, more than five rods wide it was necessary in order to procure Earth, Gravel and Stone, and other materials, and for the proper construction and Security of the rail road. That Lower

petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Ambrose Day Jr. Walter Cooley Abel Cooley thereby, according to law.

The Western Rail Road Corporation
By R. C. Morris, their atty.

Dated at Springfield, this eleventh day of May A. D. 1840

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss. May 14. 1840. The foregoing petetion being this presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered, that the said Commissioners meet at the house of Ambrose Day Jr. in Westfield, on Friday the 22 day of May current, at 2 Oclock P.M. then and there to act on said petition, so far as concerns the said Ambrose Day Jr; and also that said Commissioners meet at the Southworth Paper Mills in West Springfield on the same 22 day of May at 2 Oclock P.M. then and there to act on said petition, so far as concerns the said Walter and Abel Cooley; and it is also ordered that due and reasonable notice be given to the said Ambrose Day Jr. and to the said Walter and Abel Cooley, by serving them severally, with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them respectively, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meetings. And the said Western Rail Road Corporation as principal and R. Peters, as surety, appear and recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Five hundred Dollars each conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition

James M. Crooks, Chairman Co Com Hamd

To Ambrose Day Jr. of Westfield in the County of Hampden, Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petetion to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County over and over lands owned by you at Westfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said Lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the Premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Row house in Westfield on the 22 day of May inst at 11 Oclock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard when the

Subjects
See Order

James M. Crooks, Chairman.

May 14. A. D. 1840

I certify that I have this day left at Ambrose Bay's Dwelling House in Westfield a true and attested copy of the fatwe notice,
May 15th. 1840.

R. D. Morris

To Abel Cooley of Westhringfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westhringfield, in said County upon and over Lands owned by you at Westhringfield, near Agawam River, which Lands are particularly described in said petitions on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said Lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Southworths Paper Mill in Westhringfield on the 25 day of May inst at 2 O'Clock P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James M. Crooks, Chairman.

May 14, 1840

I certify that I have this day left at the Dwelling House of Abel Cooley in Westhringfield a true Copy of the above notice. May 15. 1840

R. D. Morris

To Walter Cooley of Westhringfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westhringfield in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Westhringfield near the Agawam River which Lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Southworths Paper Mills in Westhringfield, on the 25 day of May inst at 2 oclock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James M. Crooks, Chairman

May 14. A. D. 1840

I certify that I have this day given to Walter Cooley a true and attested copy of the above notice.
May 15th. 1840. R. R. Morris

Hampden Ss. May 22. 1840. The Subscribers Commissioners of said County having given Reasonable notice to Ambrose Ray Jr. named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns him, and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting met the said Ambrose Ray Jr. and also R. R. Morris Esq who appeared on behalf of said Corporation at the house of the said Ambrose, in Westfield, on this 22 day of May agreeably to said notice, and abstract, a copy of which is on file, and hereunto annexed, and proceeded to view the premises of said Ray, set forth and described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard the said Ray, and also the said Morris fully upon the subject matter of said petition, we have estimated and appraised the damages the said Ray will sustain by reason of the location of said Rail Road upon and over his lands by reason of the taking of his said lands for said Rail Road, and for his damages and expenses in fencing his said lands in consequence of said location at the sum of Two Hundred and One Dollars, to be paid him by said Western Rail Road Corporation

And having also given Reasonable notice to Abel Cooley and Walter Cooley, named in said petition by serving each of them with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting met the said Abel and Walter Cooley, and also R. R. Morris Esq on behalf of said Western Rail Road Corporation on this same 22 day of May, at the Southwick Paper Mills in Westfield, agreeably to said notice and abstract, a copy of which is on file and hereunto annexed and said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises set forth and described in said petition belonging to said Abel Cooley & Walter Cooley, and having viewed the same, and heard the said Abel and Walter, and also the said Morris, fully upon the subject matter of said petition, wherein the said Abel and Walter are concerned; and interested, we Estimated and appraised the damages said Abel and Walter will sustain by reason of the location of said Rail Road upon and over the lands of the said Abel and Walter and the injury to them by reason of taking their said lands for said Rail Road, and for their damages and expenses in fencing their said lands in consequence of said location, at the sum of Thirty four Dol-

fees for said Abel Cooley: and Thirty One Dollars
for said Walter Cooley, to be paid to them, restricted
by the said Corporation
All which is submitted
James W. Brooks Seal } County
Gideon Stiles Seal } Commissioners
John Ward Seal }
which report being read and accepted is accepted.

Henry Glover is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Glover
Springfield in the Store of Daniel Bontuen on Market Street.

Joshua B. Vinton and Harvey Tucker are licensed as Innholders Vinton et
ers in the Hampden House on the Corner of Main Street and Court al
Streets in Springfield

Spencer Ferrell is licensed as an innholder in the town of Ferrell
Ipsland.

Emery C. Warren is licensed as a Taverner in the Town of Warren
Wilbraham at the Depot of the W. R. R.

Purlin Sheare is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Palmer Sheare
near the Tavern lately owned by John Sedgwick

Abraham L. Murdock is licensed as an innholder in the Murdock
Town of Palmer at Bensville

Whiting Street is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Street
Westspringfield at the Store he now occupies.

Pelatiah Glover is licensed as a retailer in the Town Glover
of Wilbraham at the north village, at the store lately
occupied by Purlin Sheares.

Thaddeus K. D'Wolf is licensed as a Retailer in the D'Wolf
Town of Chester at his Store in the centre of the Town of
Chester.

Theodore Bartlett is licensed as an innholder in the Bartlett
Town of Westspringfield at the Stand lately occupied by
Clark Sheffield.

John M. Merrick is licensed as a Taverner in the Merrick
Town of Wilbraham, at his dwelling house in said Wilbraham

The Votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and Votes for
counted, it appears that the whole number of votes was County Treas
Four Thousand seven hundred and sixty four, Necessary for a
choice Twenty three hundred and eighty three. William

Rice has Twenty five hundred and thirty six, and is declared by the County Commissioners as "chosen" and he appears and sworn before the County Commissioners, and has given bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Overseer of House of Cor.

Ordered that Harvey Chapin be, and he is appointed Overseer of the House of Correction in the room of George Bliss Esq resigned

Order to borrow Money.

Ordered By the County Commissioners that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, towards the Current expenses of the County, and to give a Note or Notes therefor, and to renew the same from time to time, as may be deemed necessary to be reimbursed from the Taxes to be Collected the present Year.

Bradley

Vincent A. Bradley is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Blandford in the new House lately erected by Preserved Norton, near his Factory in South Blandford.

Accounts.

The following Accounts against the County were presented and allowed, and Ordered, by the County Commissioners to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz.

To William Rice 5 Bronms	1.00
To O. A. Seamans Surveying &c	18.00
" Amasa Parsons cleaning House &c	11.66
" I. Kendall work on Jail	2.50
" Jabez K. Bynon fitg Locks at Jail	3.87
" Jno Hamilton Inkstand & Sundries	66
" Deakes & Bailey Irons for Jail	2.89
" H. Fort Hs. Leads, Nails &c &c	16.37
" Caleb Rice Sing Notices, &c	89.58
" John Ingersoll bill, Entries &c	15.96
" I Stearns Coroner in case of Stanton	223.88

Parks

Asa Parks petition to be licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Montgomery at the House he now occupies. Prayer of petition granted.

E. C. Jenks et al Petition for Road in Sudlow

To the County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden

The undersigned, respectfully represent, That the public convenience and necessity require a new highway or an alteration in the present one, between Potts Bridge in Sudlow and the County line, in the direction of South Hadley meeting-House, in the First parish. Wherefore your petitioners request a view, and that such alterations and new High Way or any part thereof may be laid and established, according to law. Signed

June 25. 1839. Ephraim C. Jenks & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June

on the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, held on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1839. at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of Ashley Brayden, in Sudlow on Wednesday the 28th day of November inst. at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield and Sudlow each, with an attested Copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least,—and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles, Esq one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Cooke, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. 1839. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. Oct. 11. 1839. I served the Town Clerk of Sudlow with an attested Copy of this petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in Two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, and on the 12th day I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and posting up in two public Places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows

Hampden ss. Nov. 20th. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County, having given due and legal notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the

foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as well as by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the manner of publication and the time, place, and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper printed in said County, as is set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place in said order mentioned; Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted on said petition in the place of James W. Crooks, one of the County Commissioners, who is an inhabitant of Springfield, where a part of the road prayed for is situate; and the Board thus constituted, proceeded to view the premises, described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations should be made in the Road leading from Tuttle's Bridge in Ludlow, to South Hadley, between said Bridge and the County line, as set forth in said petition, with improvements and specific repairs, and so report accordingly

All which is submitted

John Ward }
Gideon Stiles } Co Commrs
Lucius Wright - Special Com

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations and repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the Second Tuesday of April A. D. 1849, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow, on Thursday the 17th day of June next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Springfield and Ludlow, with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in five public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of the said County, made his return as followd in pursuance of the foregoing order, viz

Hampden ss. April 30. 1841. I Served the Town Clerks of Springfield and Ludlow each with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by delivering the same to them and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. June 4th. 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and having caused to be published in a newspaper, printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting which publication is in accordance with the provisions of law in that behalf, and according to the requirements in the foregoing order, met at the time and place in said order and abstract so published as aforesaid, and proceeded to alter, lay out, and establish a road or highway in the Town of Ludlow, as follows, viz

"Beginning at a stake and stones, by the north bar post of Warren Hubbard, on the West side of the old road a few rods southerly of his house, and running thence N. 17½° W. 13 rods 7 links to a white oak tree marked, in said Hubbard's field, north of his house— thence N. 14¼° W. 10 4 rods to a black oak tree marked in the edge of a small wood on the Westerly side of the old road— thence N. 18¼° W. 42 rods 15 links to a stake, on a knoll in an old field Southerly of the Pratt house— thence N. 20¾° W. 54 rods 10 links to a large Black Oak tree, near the old road, and on the Westerly side thereof, and thence on the same course to the old road. The road is laid thus far three rods wide, and the line run is West or left hand limits; and thence following the old road on the East side thereof to the East bar post of John Moody, a few rods west of his house, and on the northeasterly side of the old road, and run from thence on the right hand limits of the new location N. 3° 41' W. 193 rods 9 links to a large white oak tree by the easterly side of the old road, and laid the same three rods wide: and established said alterations as and for a Highway. After which we heard all who desired or chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and we estimated and allowed damages for lands taken for said road as follows, viz To Susan Pratt Fifteen Dollars.

To Noah Pratt Fifteen Dollars—

Road to Holcombs St

Moody St

To John Moody One Hundred thirteen Dollars
To Sumner Chapin One Hundred Seventy four Dollars
No other person claimed damages by reason of said location and no further damages were allowed

We have allowed the owners of lands until the first of April next, to remove, wood, timber, fences, &c. from said location. Said road is to be worked and made to the acceptance of said Commissioners, by the first day of September A. D. 1841

In the construction of said road, the following particulars are to be observed. The travel path is to be 26 feet wide, exclusive of suitable ditches, all roots, Stumps, and Stones, are to be removed from the bed of Road, before it is formed. All hills and Knolls are to be properly reduced and hauled down, and the earth from Knoll and hills is to be hauled lengthwise, and in no case towards the Centre of the Road. All low and wet places to be raised and Sandy places hardened. Suitable Sluices and watercourses to be made where necessary. The old road, west of the Saw Mill, is to be thoroughly repaired and widened and the bridge to be raised at least three feet; and earth hauled in at each abutment, to make the passage on to the bridge easy and convenient; and the hills on each side the brook are to be thoroughly reparied. In all other respects, said road is to be made to the acceptance of said Commissioners, by the time aforesaid

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks & Seal
Gideon Bates Seal } Co. Commissrs
John Ward Seal

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted the Road, alteration and repairs adjudged of Common convenience and necessity.

See Chandler's Petition for Road in Westfield & WestSpringfield

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The subscribers respectfully represent, that the public convenience and necessity require, that the existing highway from the house of Edmund Noble to the top of Frog Hole Hill in Westfield, should be discontinued, and the existing highway, from Taylor's bridge, in Westfield, to the bridge near the place formerly occupied by Widow Frost in WestSpringfield, should be altered. They therefore pray that you would view and discontinue that part of the road, above mentioned, and make the alterations aforesaid, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed/ George Chandler and others.

Feby. 11. 1839.

The forgoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissions holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1838 and by adjournment on the third Monday

of February A. D. 1839. and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1839. on the petition aforesaid, heretofore entered, and a view had thereon, and a new view been requested, by the Selectmen of Westfield, and also by the petitioners, and deemed expedient and proper by the Commissioners, Ordered, that said Commissioners, meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield, on Tuesday the 21st. day of April next, at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days, at least, before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield and WestSpringfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places, in said Towns, respectively an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff, or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to, the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Cobb, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his, return, as follows.

"Hampden ss. March 23. 1840. I served the Town Clerks of the Towns of Westfield and WestSpringfield each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to them, and also, posted up the two Public places, in each of said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden ss. April 21. 1840. The County Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows,

At which last mentioned meeting, The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice,

Stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is fully set forth and required in said order to be published as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion, that common convenience and necessity required that the old road should not be discontinued, and that a new road ought not to be laid and established, nor alterations made, as prayed for— And said Commissioners do accordingly adjudge that the prayer of said petition be not granted. All which is submitted,

James W. Crooks }
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the road and alterations adjudged not of common convenience and necessity.

T. Ferrell petition to Respis damages

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
Timothy Ferrell represents, That your Board did not allow him adequate and sufficient damages for his land taken for a Road, laid in Palmer, at Thorndike Village, on the petition of Jonathan Stone and others. He therefore requests the Commissioners to respis the damages and allow him such further sum as in their Judgment he ought to receive Timothy Ferrell

Palmer, Oct. 2. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of Oct. A.D. 1839 and continued to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

Hampden ss. July Sr. 1840 Adjourned to Tuesday the first day of September next.

Attest John Ingraham Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County commissioners, begun & holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the fifth day of said month in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty.- & by Adj^n on the first day of the 2 from day to day to the fifth day of said December

By James W. Crooks. Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } County Commissioners
John Ward Esq }

Selectmen of Holland petition for allow. for mak^g Road.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned a committee elected by the Inhabitants of Holland in Town meeting assembled, to petition the County through the Commissioners, for assistance, by appropriating such a portion of County funds for the building the County Road from Eldridge & Fuller's Factory in said Holland to the Sutherg Bridge, so called, in Brimfield, as Your Hon body shall judge just and equitable, beg leave to state, that we have viewed the rout as recently established by the County Committee in Holland, and have estimated the cost of building said road and Bridge over the Quinebaug River, to be not less than Five Hundred and fifty Dollars. The above said Road, laid and established on the petition of Eldridge & Fuller and others. We therefore beg You would take into consideration the ability of said Holland to defray expenses, and make such appropriation for our benefit, as you shall judge we are intitled to, and as in duty bound shall ever pray

Dated Holland, Sept. 3. 1838.

Freeland Wallis }
Ezra Allen } Committee.
Willard Weld }

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1838 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. and now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

A Supplemental Petition for Road in Granville

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The subscribers, Citizens of Granville in said Hampden County, respectfully represent that public convenience requires that a highway should be laid out and established from near the Baptist meeting house in the East Parish in said Granville, over the land of Rufus Barlow and others in a Southwesterly course to the Trumbull place (so called). They therefore request that the Commissioners would view, and if judged to be of common convenience and necessity, to locate and establish the same

Dated at Granville this 15 day of February 1839.

Arden Seymour and others

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the Second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Charles Phelps, in Granville on Tuesday the 4th day of June next, at 11 O'Clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place, of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages

Also, Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks Successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, Serve the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks. Chairman

And this petition was Continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Fourth Tuesday of June. A. D. 1839. and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. April 27. 1839. I have Served the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested Copy of the petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two Public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Ss. June 11th 1839. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff, and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition according to the provisions of law in that behalf, together with the within order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, as also the time and manner of publication in a newspaper printed in said County, as set

forth in the foregoing order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and proceeded to view the route for a road mentioned in said petition; and after viewing the same, and hearing all persons and corporations interested upon the subject matter of said petition who chose to be heard therein, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a new road from near the Bridge southeasterly of Charles Pack's to the Road near the Trumbull place, so called, should be laid out and established. And said Commissioners accordingly do adjudge and report in the premises.

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks
John Ward
Gideon Stiles
} County Commissrs

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elijah Seymour, in Granville on Monday the 29th day of June next, at 10 O'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz

"Hampden ss. May 27. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Granville with a true and attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of

O. Rice. Sheriff.

said petition

And now the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows. Hampden Co. June 29. 1840 The County Commissioners of the County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the forgoing petition in manner set forth in the forgoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, as is set forth in the forgoing Order of said Commissioners, an abstract of said petition, stating the time and place of meeting for the location of said road, in conformity with said order of notice, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and according to the forgoing order and the abstract aforesaid, so published as aforesaid, which said abstract contained the substance of said petition, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order and abstract mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish a highway in the Town of Granville as follows, to wit. Commencing on the West side of the old Hartford Turnpike, at a Stake and Stone, about 25 rods southerly from the Baptist meeting house, near Phelps' Tavern. Bearing from said Stake to a Black Cherry tree, standing on the bank of a small brook, South 39¾° West, distance from said tree to the above point, one rod and five links. Thence, from the above commencing point, South 79½° West, 8 rods to a stake on the wall, taking in on the line a large Chesnut tree marked. Thence South 76° West, 33 rods and 22 links, to a small pile of Stones, on a large Stone, in an old dam. Thence South 44¾° West 24 rods to a Walnut Tree marked. Thence South 27¾° West 18 rods to a large Black Birch, marked. Thence South 49° West, 6 rods to large Chesnut tree, marked. Thence South 50½ West, 16 rods. Thence South 33½° West, 8 rods and 9 links to a stake and Stones. Thence South 8° West 9 & 14 links to a Hard maple marked. Thence South 48° West, 8 rods to an Elm tree, standing on the North side of the Brook. Thus far the line is on the Northerly side of the Brook. Thence across the brook South 17½° East 4 rods and 10 links to a small hard maple, southerly from said Brook. Thence South 58° West, 10 rods to a large Chesnut tree marked. Thence South 87½° West 26 rods and 12 links to a stake and stone. Thence South 42½° West, 6 rods to a stake and stone. Thence South 36¾° West, 8 rods to small Hemlock, marked. Thence South 31° West, 9 rods, to a Hemlock. Thence South 49° West, 16 rods. Thence South 68° West, 22 rods to a stake and stone. Thence South 60½° West, 26 rods to a small marked Black cherry tree on the East side of the Road, leading from East Granville, by the "Trumbull Place," so called. The above is the left hand limits, or southerly side of the road. Said Road is laid three rods wide; and after locating, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard on the subject of damages. And we appraised and allowed damages, for lands taken

for said road as follows. to wit To Rufus Barlow Eighty three Dollars
" To Edmund Barlow Forty four dollars
" Oliver Rose Seventy dollars
" Lucius Gibbins Thirty seven dollars
" James H. Gibbins One dollar
" Joseph Parsons. Thirty one dollars

In the construction of said Road, the following particulars are to be observed. The front Path is to be 16 feet wide, exclusive of ditches. All roots, Stumps and Stones are to be dug out and removed off the location, before the bed of the Road is formed. Good and substantial Sluices and Water courses and bridges are to be made wherever necessary for the safety and permanence of the road. All low and wet places are to be suitably filled up and raised and along and near the brook, Good and permanent walls are to be built, and in all other respects said road is to be built in a substantial and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of September, 1841. And the owners of lands are allowed till the first day of April next, to remove timber, Wood and all obstructions from the location, The Bridge near the Trumbull Place and Westerly ends of the road are to be constructed by Alexander and Asahel Seymour, as by their agreement in writing on file.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles Seal
John Ward Seal
} County Comm?

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the Road is established as a common Highway

N. R R Co. Pet. to alter Dam in Russell & Parks' Sand.

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hampden. The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of land situated in Russell in the County of Hampden, in which Sylvester Parks of Palmer in said County of Hampden, claims an interest, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz Beginning by the Canal Feeder pond on Westfield river, at a point 70 feet Northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a Double track, and run Westerly as follows (viz) 60 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line - then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 to a point 2½ rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 300 feet, to the old county road, lately discontinued - then by said old county road 625 feet to land of said Corporation - then southerly by said corporation 13 feet to a point southerly of said centre line then easterly as follows, viz parallel to said centre line 92 feet - then 100 feet to a point 2½ rods from said centre line then parallel to said centre line 600 feet to a point 50 feet from

said centre line— then parallel to said centre line 128 feet to the canal feeder pond— then Northeasterly by the pond 185 feet to the place of beginning, containing in the whole One Acre seventy eight rods of land— And the said Parks claims to own an undivided half part thereof. That Your petitioners have not been able to attain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by said claimant thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 23. day of June A. D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corpor.

By R. D. Morris their Atty.

To Sylvester Parks of Palmer in the County of Hampden,

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Ruspell in said County upon and over lands one half of which is claimed by You / lying near the farm lately owned by Isaac Brewster deceased, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Hiram Williston's Dwelling house in Ruspell, on the 5th day of August next, at 10 O'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

By Order James W. Brooks, Chairman

July 1— A. D. 1840.

I certify, that I have this day left at the house of the above named Sylvester Parks, in Palmer, a true copy of the above. July 24. 1840

R. R. Morris

Hampden ss. August 5. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given Reasonable Notice to Sylvester Parks, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by giving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, met the said Parks, and also R. R. Morris, Esq. the attorney of said Rail Road Corporation, at the dwelling house of Hiram Williston in Ruspell, on this fifth day of August, 1840. at ten o'clock A. M. and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and the lands of said Parks, taken by said Corporation, for their Rail Road and having viewed the same, and heard the said Morris and Parks fully in the premises, we have estimated the damages for lands and fencing the same, which said Parks will sustain by reason of his lands being so taken, at the sum of Fifteen Dollars.

James W. Crooks one of the County Commissioners, was absent, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on Summons appeared and acted on said petition, in the place of said Crooks. All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles & Seal }
John Ward & Seal } County Comm.rs.
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Comm.rs.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted.

2 W. R. R. Co. Pet. to appraise damage in Westfield Chas. Noble.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Charles Noble of Westfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the Town of Westfield in said County of Hampden and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded South Easterly on land of Roland Dewey and Northwesterly on land conveyed to said Corporation by Robbin Dewey being a strip across his Neck Lot, so called, 297½ feet in length, on the centre line of the Rail Road, and including 100 feet wide, viz 50 feet upon each side of the true centre line of the Rail road, as located for a double track, containing One hundred and nine Rods of land. That it was necessary to take more than five rods in width in the location of the road for the purpose of embankment and for the safety and proper security of the road.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Roland Dewey of Westfield in said County of Hampden, which land is situated in said Westfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded South easterly on land conveyed to said Corporation by Leonard Bush, and Northwesterly on land of Charles Noble, being a strip across his Neck Lot, so called 312 feet in length, on the centre line of the Rail Road, and including 100 feet wide viz 50 feet upon each side of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, containing one hundred fourteen rods of land. That it was necessary to take more than five rods in width in the location of the road for the purpose of embankment and the safety and proper security of the road: That Your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages if any, sustained by the said Charles Noble and Roland Dewey thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this twenty third day of June A.D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corp.n By R. B. Morris, their atty.

To Charles Noble of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield aforesaid, in the Neck, so called, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissions will meet for that purpose at Stephen Harrison's dwelling house in Westfield on the 2 day of July next, at 9 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield June 23. A. D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day left at the dwelling house of Charles Noble a certified copy of the above notice

June 25. 1840. R. D. Morris,

To Roland Dewey of Westfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield aforesaid in the Neck, so called, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by You thereby. You are hereby Notified that the Commissioners will meet, for that purpose, at Stephen Harrisons Dwelling house, in Westfield on the 2d day of July next, at 9 o'clock, A.M. when and where you may be present, if You see cause, and be heard upon the Subject,

Per order. James W Crooks, Chairman

Springfield, June 23d A. D. 1840.

I certify, that I have this day left at the dwelling house of Roland Dewey a certified copy of the above notice.

June 25. 1840 R. D. Morris

Hampden ss. July 2. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Charles Noble and Roland Dewey, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving the said Noble and Dewey respectively with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, all which appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, met the said Noble and Dewey and N. T. Leonard, Esq their counsel on their behalf, and also R. D. Morris Esq on behalf of said Western Rail Road Corporation, at the house of Stephen Harrison in Westfield on this second day of July A. D. 1840. at 9 o'clock A. M. and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. And after view-

ing the same lands particularly described therein. and hearing the said Noble and Bewey by themselves and their counsel, and also the said Morris. in behalf of said corporation, fully upon the subject matter of said petition and particularly in relation to all damages as well consequential as otherwise and all expenses incurred, or to be incurred by the said Noble and Bewey respectively for fencing their lands by reason of the taking of their said lands, for said Rail Road, we have estimated and appraised the damages by them sustained thereby respectively as follows, to wit,

The lands of Charles Nobley taken for said Rail Road and expense of fencing the same, and all damages occasioned thereby, we have estimated at the sum of Three hundred and two Dollars $302.00

The lands of Roland Bewey, Taken for said Rail Road, and his expenses of fencing, and all damages occasioned thereby, we have estimated at the sum of Two hundred and forty five Dollars. $245.00

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks. & seal }
Gideon Stiles & Seal } County Com.
John Ward & Seal }

which Report being read and considered is accepted.

W. R. R. Co Pet to open dam in Chester Holland Paisley

To the Hon the board of County commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents. That they have laid out and located their Rail road upon and across a tract of land lying in Chester in the County of Hampden, bounded Southerly on land of Samuel Otis, on the West branch of Westfield River, and Northerly on land of Erastus Fay, being a part of a tract of land conveyed by Hugh Quigley to William M. Holland of New York by deed dated March 31. 1836. and by said Holland Mortgaged to Hamilton Muroy of New York, by Deed dated August 6. 1837. and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning at the Centre of said River by land of Samuel Otis, at a point 50 feet easterly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run Northerly as follows, viz. parallel to said Centre line 40 feet; then 25 feet to a point 2½ rods from said centre line — Then parallel to said centre line 3819 feet to land of Erastus Fay — Then Westerly by land of said Fay 125 feet to a point 70 feet south westerly of said centre line — Then southerly as follows, viz. 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line — Then 100 feet to a point 2½ rods from said centre line: then parallel to said centre line 2879 feet; then 25 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line — Then parallel to said centre line 40 feet to the centre of said river, or land of Samuel Otis — then Easterly by said Otis, 110 feet to the place of beginning — containing

five acres, one hundred thirty five rods of land: And that where said Rail Road is located more than five rods wide, it was necessary for cuttings and embankments and the proper security of the road.

That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner or owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners after due Notice to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the owners thereof according to law. Dated at Springfield this twenty third day of June, A. D. 1840.

The Western Rail Road Corporation
By George Bliss, Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1840. On the petition aforesaid, It is Ordered that Notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will hold a meeting at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, in said County on Thursday the sixth day of August next at Nine O'Clock A. M. by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in Springfield in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said sixth day of August, at which time & place the said Commissioners will proceed to view the premises, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and to appoint such damages as any person may sustain by reason of the location of said Rail Road as aforesaid.

James W. Crooks, Chairman
John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Attest—

Hampden ss. August 6th 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by publishing a true and attested Copy of said petition together with the aforesaid order of notice three weeks successively in a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time appointed for the meeting, all which is particularly set forth and described in said order of Notice, as published as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. R. Bellamy Attorney for said Rail Road Corporation, appeared in behalf of said Corporation, and was present during the views and hearings. The owner or owners of the lands described in said petition did not appear, but it being suggested to said Commissioners by said Morris that William M. Holland of the City of New York was the owner of the same, and said Commissioners, after having viewed the premises, and heard all persons and corporations interested, or who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, ascertained the damages occasioned to said Wm. M. Holland

by the location of said Rail Road, and for his Lands Taken for the same, at the sum of Twenty two Dollars, to be paid by said Rail Road Corporation

James W. Crooks, one of the County Commissioners being about Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on Summons approved, and acted on said petition in the place of said Crooks All which is Submitted

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County Commiss-
John Ward & Seal }
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Commiss-

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.—

C. Stearns Pet for Jury to Estimate Damages

To the County Commissioners, at their Meeting held at Springfield in and for the County of Hampden on the 4th Tuesday of June A. D. 1840.

Respectfully represents Charles Stearns of said Springfield, that on the 13th day of April A. D. 1840 the County Commissioners laid out and established a Highway in said Springfield across and over the land of Your petitioner, Situated North of Bridge Street, and between said Bridge Street and the Rail Road Depot; and the said Stearns, being aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in the estimation of his damages occasioned thereby; now asks for a Jury to be summoned to hear and determine the matter of this Complaint.

Charles Stearns

June 25. 1840. By Geo Ashmun, his Attorney.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840, and continued to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

W. R. R. C. Pet to View and determine alteration of Road in Westfield by the Great River Bridge

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of Western Rail Road Corporation, Respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road through the Town of Westfield in said County of Hampden, and upon and across the Old Highway leading from the house of Ira Ramsdell to the Great River in Westfield, and said Corporation propose to raise said Old Highway about ten and a half feet in the deepest place where the Rail Road crosses the same; and to slope the same off to the north at a grade not exceeding three degrees, and to the South on the course of and across the old abutment of the bridge at a uniform slope from the top of the embankment to the shore at low water— and in the direction of the new bridge at a grade not exceeding three degrees— with suitable railing where needed; and that Your petitioners have, in writing, notified the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield of their intention so to do. That

said Selectmen within thirty days after receiving such notice did in writing, Notify Your Petitioners that they required said old Highway should be so altered, that in Raising the Rail Road it should be under instead of over the same, and the width of the passage way to be twenty five feet, and the hieghth to be fourteen feet, and the parties have not been able to agree what alterations are necessary. Your petitioners, therefore, pray the County Commissioners, after due Notice, to view the premises and determine whether any and what alterations shall be made according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 29th day of June A. D. 1840.

The Western R. R. Corp.

By R. D. Morris, their Attorn.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Westfield, having read the within Petition hereby agree to waive all notice, and consent that the Commissioners shall view the premises and determine on said petition, on the Second day of July next, at 12 Oclock M. and hereby waive all error on account of short notice or otherwise. June 29th 1840.

David Moseley
Hiram Harrison
Salmon Ensign
} Selectmen of Westfield

Hampden ss. July 2. 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County, having, on this Second day of July A. D. 1840, met the parties interested in the foregoing petition, for the premises described therein, to wit, David Moseley, Hiram Harrison, Salmon Ensign and Roswell Sherman, Selectmen of the Town of Westfield on behalf of said Town, and the Western Rail Road Corporation by R. D. Morris Esq. their attorney, all exceptions on account of error, short notice, or otherwise, being waived by said Selectmen, as appears by the foregoing certificate in writing, and signed by three of said Selectmen and having fully viewed and examined the said premises, and heard the said parties and all others who desire to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and safety of the public travel will be best promoted by the erection of a Bridge on the line of said Rail Road, and over said Highway at the crossing place mentioned in said petition, and that the Public travel should pass under instead of over said Rail Road, at said Crossing, along and upon the common highway aforesaid. And said Commissioners so adjudge and so report in the premises, to wit, that said Western Rail Road Corporation be required to construct a good and sufficient bridge upon the line of their said Road at the crossing place aforesaid for the convenience, accommodation and safety of the public travel upon said common highway, and under said Bridge,

The said Bridge to be located within the limits of said highway and where the public travel will be best accommodated in passing to and from the new bridge above the Mills, and the old Fordinary below said mills. and as the same privileges have heretofore been used and enjoyed. The papage way or road under said Rail Road bridge to be of the dimensions following, to wit, eighteen feet wide, in the clear between the abutments of said bridge and eleven feet high in the clear, measuring from the common bed of the road, under the bridge; and said Corporation are acquired to grade the road leading to said crossing place, in a suitable and workmanlike manner All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks +Seal
Gideon Stites +Seal } County Comrs
John Ward +seal }

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

W. R. R. Corp. Petn. to assess Damages for materials borrowed in Chester on land of John Sisk.

To the Hon. the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and locate their Rail Road in the Town of Chester in said County, And for the purpose of procuring earth, Stone, gravel and other materials for the proper construction and Security of said Rail Road it is and may be necessary to take the same from lands of John Sisk of Chester, in said County of Hampden, lying on the Southerly side of the Westfield river, Southeasterly of said Sisks house, without the limits of this Road, and within the limits of their charter. That Your petitioners have not been able to obtain the same from said Sisk by voluntary agreement with him. They therefore pray the county Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages sustained by the said Sisk thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this fourth day of July A. D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corp.
By R. B. Morris. Their Atty.

To John Sisk, of Chester in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester, in said County, and for the purpose of obtaining earth and gravel and other materials for the proper construction and security of the Road it has been and may be necessary to take the same from your land in Chester, without the limits of the road, and within the limits of their Charter viz between the River and the Rail Road, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands and materials by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to

view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at your house, in Chester, on the 5th day of August next, at 4 oclock P. M. when and where you may be present if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

By order James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield, July 3d A. D. 1840.

I Certify that I have this day given to John Sisk a true and attested copy of the above. July 13th 1840

R. D. Morris.

Hampden Co. August 5th 1840 The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to John Sisk, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, met the Sisk at his dwelling house in Chester, on this fifth day of August A.D. 1840 at 4 oclock, P.M. and also R. D. Morris the attorney of said Corporation and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard the said Sisk and Morris fully in the premises, we have prescribed the limits within which earth, Stone, and gravel and other materials for the purposes mentioned in said petition, may be taken; and we have set out the following described piece of Land, owned by the said John Sisk, for the said Corporation, to take therefrom Earth and Gravel, for the proper construction and security of their Rail Road, viz a piece of land lying near the South easterly end of said Sisk's Farm in Chester, adjoining the Rail Road. viz. Beginning on the North Easterly side of the Rail Road, against Station No 1259-50, of the Rail Road, and run Easterly at right angles to the Rail Road five and a half rods. Then North Westerly parallel to the Rail Road 231 feet. Then South-Westerly at right angles five and a half rods to the Rail Road. then South Easterly by the Rail Road 231 feet to the place of beginning, containing Seventy Seven Rods of Land. And we have appraised the damages occasioned by the taking thereof to said Sisk, at the sum of Ten Dollars and fifty cents, to be paid by said Corporation. James W. Crooks, one of the County Commissioners, was absent, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on Summons appeared and acted on said petition in the place of said Crooks.

All which is submitted.

Gideon Steles Seal } County Commis-
John Ward Seal }
Lucius Wright Seal Special Commis.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

W. R. R. Corp. Pet. to alter road over the Chester Turnpike and Land of John Sisk.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester in said County of Hampden upon and across the Chester Turnpike Road where the said Turnpike Road interfers with the convenient location of their Rail Road, between the dwelling house of John Sisk, and the dwelling house of Samuel Sanderson in Chester. And Your petitioners have thought proper, and with the Consent of the said Chester Turnpike Corporation in writing, they have altered the course of said Turnpike Road, as follows, viz. Beginning by the Old Turnpike Road at a point bearing North 19° 34m E. distant 68 feet from station 1287/4 of the Rail Road, and from thence croping the Rail Road at right angles at the same grade therewith at station 1287/4 m then curving and running Northwesterly on the south westerly side of the Rail Road and adjoining thereto, 936 feet to the old Turnpike Road near the top of the hill, passing over lands of John Sisk and land conveyed to the Western Rail Road Corporation by Samuel Sanderson. And Your petitioners have located said Turnpike Road, as altered, four rods wide on the Southwesterly side of said line, as run. And your petitioners have not been able to obtain said Land of John Sisk by voluntary agreement with him. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises and estimate the damages, if any, sustained by the said John Sisk thereby, according to law, and determine in what manner said Turnpike Road shall be made

Dated at Springfield this first day of July A. D. 1840.

The Western Rail Road, Corp.

By R. S. Morris, their attorn.

To John Sisk, of Chester, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Chester, in said County, so that the same is crossed by the Chester Turnpike Road, between the house of John Sisk and the Dwelling house of Samuel Sanderson in Chester, and that for the purpose of facilitating the croping of the same, they have, with the consent of the Turnpike Corporation altered the course of said Turnpike as follows viz by turning the same more Southerly, croping the Rail Road at the grade thereof, a little westerly of your barn, and entering the old Turnpike near the top of the hill, east of Samuel Sanderson's so that the same, as altered, will pass over your lands and land of said Corporation, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby. You are hereby

notified that the commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Tom home in Chester, on the 5th day of August next, at 4 oclock P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see come, and be heard upon the subject. See Order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield July 3. A. D. 1840.

I have this day given to John Sisk a true and attested copy of the above. July 13th 1840.

R. D. Morris.-

Hampden ss August 5. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to John Sisk, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof as appears by a copy of said Abstract on file, and hereto annexed, met the said Sisk and R. D. Morris the attorney of said Rail Road Corporation, at the house of the said Sisk in Chester, on this fifth day of August. A. D. 1840 at 4 oclock P.M. The consent of the Chester Turnpike Road having been heretofore granted for the alteration prayed for in said petition, And we proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and afterwards estimated the damages said Sisk will sustain by the alteration of said Turnpike according to the prayer of said petition, at the sum of Fifteen Dollars to be paid by said Corporation.

James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners was not present, and Lucius Wright, on Summons, attended and acted on said petition

All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles & Seal
John Ward & Seal } County Com.
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Comm.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned Inhabitants of Montgomery, represent that the road, as located by Com Bond in said Town last Year, may be altered from J. T. Allyn's old house and run back of his Cider Mill, and intersect the old road near an old Cider Mill belonging to E. Avery, it being almost impossible to Reach the old payable, in the Winter. We therefore pray that you would proceed forthwith and make the alteration proposed.

Montgomery June 23. 1840. Signed Nathan Chapman and others.

N. Chapman and others Pet. for alteration of Road in Montgomery.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the Fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was Ordered That said Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph T. Allyn in Montgomery on Thursday the 27th day of August next, at 2 oclock in the afternoon, for the

purpose of proceeding, to view, according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations intended in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Westfield Spectator, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at lead before the time of said meeting; the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James H. Crooks, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows.

Hampden July 16th 1840 I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of this petition a prayer and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his Dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C Reed, Sheriff.

Which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden August 27th 1840. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing returns of the Sheriffs of said County and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County of Copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time, place and purpose of meeting according to the provisions of law in that behalf and according to the provisions and requirements of the said order of notice, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises in said petition described, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that an alteration should be made in said road, between the house of Joseph T Allyn, and the house of Wm

Squires, and so adjudge in the premises. And no person or corporation objecting to said alterations, and a new location adjudged necessary, notice was thereupon given to all persons and corporations then and there present, that said commissioners would forthwith proceed to locate and establish the alteration prayed for, and now adjudged of common convenience and necessity. Whereupon said commissioners proceeded to lay out and establish said alteration in the highway aforesaid, and accordingly established the same as follows, to wit, Beginning at the southwest corner post of Joseph T Allyn's front door Yard fence, we run S 25° E 15 rods 11 links, to an apple tree marked, in said Allyn's orchard, by his Cider Mill. Then S 39° E 22 rods 6 links, to a Rock. Then S 21° E 11 rods to a rock on the East side of the road, as lately located by the commissioners, and laid the same three rods wide. (The line run is the east or left hand limits. And after locating the same, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and assessed and allowed, damages as follows, to wit, To Joseph T. Allyn, the sum of Fifty dollars, $50.00 No other person or corporation was injured by said location.

Said Road is to be worked in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner. The travel path to be 18 feet wide, exclusive of the ditches. All bridges to be built in a substantial manner. All rocks and large stones to be taken from the bed of the road before it is formed, and in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of December next

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks (Seal)
Gideon Stiles (Seal) } County Commrs.
John Ward (Seal)

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration, established as a high way.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned represents, that he is aprieved in the estimation of damages and allowance made him by the commissioners for his lands taken for a highway on the 13th April A. D. 1840 in Springfield, viz in widening Water Street, so called, from Bridge Street to the Depot of the Western Rail Road. Therefore he prays that the County Commissioners would reestimate said damages and allow him such further sum as in their discretion may be just and reasonable for his lands taken for said highway, by them located on the petition of Thomas C. Stearns for reestimate of damages

Goodman and Samuel Raynolds, and others, on the said 13th of April, 1840.

Springfield, October 6. 1840

Charles Stearns.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And the Commissioners make their report in writing as following to wit.

Hampden Ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of said County, held at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840.

In the matter of the foregoing petition of Charles Stearns, praying for a further allowance and re-estimation of his damages, on the petition of Thomas Goodman, and Samuel Raynolds and others, as allowed and assessed to said Stearns for his lands taken for a road located by said Commissioners on the petition of said Goodman, Raynolds and others, said Commissioners having heard the said Stearns and all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of the foregoing petition, and it appearing to said Commissioners to be just and reasonable that a further allowance be made to said Stearns for his lands so taken, we have accordingly re-estimated said damages, and have made to said Stearns a further allowance of Seventy five Dollars, amounting in the whole, to the sum of Nine hundred Dollars to be paid to said Stearns out of the Treasury of said County for his lands so taken

All which is Submitted.

Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners
John Ward }

which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

Chapin — Albert P. Chapin is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at Rice Building, on Main Street.

Holcott 2 — Noah Holcott, 3d is licensed as an Innholder in West Springfield at his new House recently erected on Powder Hill So called, near the parting of the road leading to Westfield & Southampton

Miller — William Miller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at his House in Cabotville, called the Talcott House.

The following accounts were presented, allowed and ordered to be paid out of the Treasury of the County of Hampden viz

To Josiah Abbott, as Coroner in case of Sackett,			$15.02
"	do	do Case of Michael	15.00
"	do	do Case of Carroll	3.00
" Wm H. Foster		as Coroner in case of Chapin	15.08
" John Ingersoll		for Collecting a/c &c	46.22
" Caleb Rice		Serving notices, &c	14.56
" Henry Brown		(a Boy) for washing &c	11.17
" Seneca Parsons		for burying Paupers &c	33.20

To James W. Crooks for Wood. Attorney fees &c	$ 25.94
" Seals & Crosby for work &c	42.05
" Draper & Bailey Sims for Jail &c	22.85
" William Rice for Jucky	150.00
" Theodore Dewey for Chests for Jail	5.25
" Geo. W. Callender Binding books &c	6.94
" Estate of C Edwards Sims for County	7.66
" C & C. Merriam Stationary	12.94
" James Chapin for Wood	12.50
" Noah Stark Jailer	734.08

Gibbs.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned represents that humble convenience and interest requires that he should be licensed to retail ardent Spirits at his Store in Blandford, and that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Blandford for their Certificate of approbation, in order to obtain a License, and that the Selectmen refused to approbate him as a retailer of Spirituous liquors, and feeling himself aggrieved at their refusal, he has given due notice to the said Selectmen that he should apply to the Commissioners for said License. Wherefore he now asks that he may be licensed as a Retailer, as aforesaid

December 1. 1840. Lyman Gibbs

Which petition being read and considered, the prayer of the petition is Granted.

Fenton &c Petition for a Road & Ord. of Road in Palmer

To the Honorable County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden,

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that the public Convenience requires a new road from near the house of Benjamin and Hiram Converse, to the new County road leading from Palmer to Brimfield: and to discontinue the old County Road from near said Converse's, to the County road leading to Warren. Your petitioners therefore pray Your Honors to view the premises as soon as convenient, and establish the new Road, and discontinue the old road, as may be deemed necessary.

Palmer April 4th 1840

Signed John Fenton & others.

This petition was entered in this Court, at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1840: at which meeting it was ordered that the said Commissioners meet at the House of Benjamin Converse in Palmer, on Friday the second day of October next at 3 O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of Common Convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the Road

prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden East, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with this doings, to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Thomas H. Crooks, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Aug. 31. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

L. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. October 2d. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time, and place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, all which was published, as is required in said order, and proceeded to view a route for a Road according to the prayer of said petition; and having viewed the same, heard all persons and Corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that a new road should be laid from near the barn of said Benjamin and Reuben, Southwesterly, to the County road leading from the Sedgwick Tavern to Warren; and that all that

part of said old County Road lying between the turn of the same, a few rods East of said Converse east barn, and the said Warren Road, near the house of Brainard, should be discontinued; and said Commissioners do adjudge in the premises, and do adjudge accordingly. And no person or corporation appearing against said petition, or objecting to the same said Commissioners proceeded to discontinue said old road, between the termini above mentioned, and we have accordingly discontinued the same. And at the same time, we proceeded to lay out and establish a new road or highway as follows viz:

Beginning on the North side of the Road leading from the Sedgwick Tavern in Palmer, to Warren, at a stake and stones, and run thence N 30½° E. 46 rods (crossing the new road from Palmer town to Brimfield) to a stake and stones: thence N. 8¾° E. 23 rods to the old road, near the said Converse east barn, the Southeast corner of said east barn being in a line with the last mentioned course.

Said road is laid two rods wide for the first 33 Rods, from the place of beginning, to the top of a Sand hill or knoll, and the residue is laid three rods wide. The line now is the westerly side of the road, as left bound hereto.

We have allowed Benjamin and Hiram Converse the sum of Thirty Dollars, as damages for their lands taken for said road. No other person or corporation was injured by said location. Said road is to be made 16 feet wide for travel path, exclusive of ditches, and to be finished and made in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of August next. We the dissenter of a Special Commissioner, Lucius Wright, on account of interest, John Ward, a County Commissioner, although an inhabitant of Palmer where said road is situate, acted on said petition, as the law in that behalf provides. All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles & Seal
John Ward & Seal

County Commissioners

Their Petition being read and considered is accepted, and the Road established as and for a Highway, and the other discontinued.

Elisha Converse Jr. is Licensed as an Innholder in the Converse Town of Palmer.

Monson Dec. 5. 1840. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day Attest. Solon Ingersoll, Clerk

Dec. 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty second day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, and from day to day to the 25th day of said month; and by adjournment on the 6th day of January A.D. 1841. and from day to day to the 9th day of said month.

By James Crooks Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners
John Ward Esq }

Hampden Co Law Library

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting in December. 1838.

The Proprietors of the Hampden County Law Library, respectfully represent, that the room where the Library is kept, is small and inconvenient, and not provided with suitable shelves, and there are no means of warming the same. Wherefore they request that some suitable provision may be made in the behalf.

By R. S. Chapman } Committee.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1838. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

V. Stow et al petition for a Road in Granville and Blandford

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned respectfully represent: that the public convenience and necessity require the opening of a new route for the public travel from Westfield and its vicinity to the Southerly part of the County of Berkshire; They therefore pray that you would proceed to view, and locate and establish a new highway from the County road in Granville, at or near the dwelling house of Horatio Farnsworth, to the line of the County of Berkshire, at or near the point where the present road from East Granville to East Otis crosses the County line, or if the commissioners should deem it expedient, Your petitioners pray for an alteration in such parts of roads between the termini and the laying out of such part of the new highway above prayed for, as will make a direct and as near as may be, a legal highway between the points above mentioned; or to make any such alterations in the existing highways between the termini as the public convenience shall seem to require: and to discontinue such parts of said Highways as may be found unnecessary.

Signed Volney Stow & others

Dec 20. 1838

The foregoing petition was entered in this Court at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Second Sunday of April A. D. 1839. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Peleg Rose in Granville on Wednesday the 5th day of June next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield, Granville, and Blandford with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, respectively, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Sunday of Oct. A. D. 1839. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz

Hampden ss. April 27th 1839. I have served the Town Clerks of Westfield, Granville and Blandford, each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving them a each copy of the same, and on the same day posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz

Hampden ss. June 5th. 1839 The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by the publication of a copy of said petition, in a Newspaper printed in said County, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and according to the terms of the foregoing order

to published as aforesaid, met at the time and place mentioned in said notice; and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and hearing viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that a new highway be established and laid from near the house of said Farnsworth, to near the Reuben Noble House, so called, and from thence to near the house of Sidney Stow; and that certain alterations and repairs be made in old roads in the town of Granville and Blandford, Westerly of said Stow, and so adjudged accordingly

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks } County
Ogleon Stiles } Commissioners
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted and the Roads adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Sidney Stow in Granville, on Wednesday the 18th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating, to hear all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place, and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampshire Gazette and Springfield Republican, newspapers printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Granville and Blandford, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, the Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairmen of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Brooks Chairman

Since this petition was continued to this Term, I saw the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows, viz.

"Hampden ss. Oct 9th 1840. I served the Town Clerks of Blandford and Granville each with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by delivering the

same to them. Posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows viz.

Hampden ss. November 18. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in two Newspapers printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, all of which notices were duly served and published according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and according to the provisions, terms and requirements of the foregoing order in reference to the time, place and purpose of the meeting met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract, and proceeded to lay out and establish a highway in the town of Granville, as follows, to wit.

Beginning at a Chesnut tree on the Southerly side of the Highway, called North Sand Road, a few rods westerly of the house occupied by Samuel F. Reed, and run thence S 10½° E. 13 rods and 15 links to a Rock; with a pile of stones thereon; thence S 55½° E 8 rods and 16 links to a small maple; thence S. 24° E. 19 rods to a Hemlock; thence S 88¾° E. 9 rods and 2 links to a Chesnut tree; thence S. 80° E. 6 rods and 10 links to a Hemlock; thence S. 84½° E. 10 rods and 7 links to a maple, near the Saw Mill road; thence S 65¾° E 10 rods, 16 links, to a large Hemlock, being a bound between land of Elijah Sibley and T. & Tillotson thence S. 60¼° E. 9 rods and 10 links, to a large Chesnut. thence S. 31° E. 6 rods 20 links, to a small Chesnut a few feet westerly from a great rock; thence S. 26° E. 28 Rods to a large Chesnut, on land of James Noble thence S 21° E 15 Rods 11 links, to a Chesnut; thence S 24° E. 23 Rods, to a tall Chesnut; then S. 21° E 11 rods 10 links to a large Chesnut, on the hill side; then S 22° E 6 rods 15 links to a small Walnut tree; then S 15 E 28 Rods, to a Chesnut in said Tillotson's rye field; then S 32° E. 7 rods to a Stake on a stump; then S 58° E 4 rods 18 links, to a Stake and Stones on the side hill in said Rye field and Northerly from a brook; then S 72° E 32 rods to a small maple on the westerly side of the road leading from Westfield to East Granville, northerly of the Farnsworth place, so called.

The line run is the northerly side, or left hand limits of the road. And we have established the same as a public Highway, four rods wide. The length of line being 250 rods.

The owners of lands have, by their release, in writing, and on file in this case, relinquished all claims to damages; and no damages are allowed or expected. Until the first day of May next, he is allowed the owners of land to remove Wood, Timber, and other obstructions from the location.

In the construction of said road, the following particulars are to be observed. The travel path is to be 18 feet wide, in the clear, exclusive of wood, stick and capricious ditches, and to be made at least 18 inches crowning. Before the bed of the road is formed, all stones and stumps are to be dug out and removed; all hills are to be properly hauled down, and all low and wet places raised; and the entire road is to be brought as near to an easy and uniform grade as may be practicable; and in no case is the grade to exceed three degrees elevation with the horizon. All bridges and ditches are to be built and covered with stone, in a substantial manner. On side hills, the road is to be made as near the lower side of the location as may be practicable. In all other respects, said road is to be conducted in a workmanlike and substantial manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of October next. And we have estimated the cost and expense of construction, at the sum of Four hundred one thirty seven dollars; and have allowed the town of Granville One Hundred and fifty Dollars, to be paid out of the County Treasury, whenever said road shall be finished to the acceptance of said Commissioners

All which is submitted

James W. Cowles }
Gideon Tibbs } County Commissioners
John Ward }

Which Report being read and, considered, is accepted, and the Highway established as and for a public highway.

To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampden — E. Gould et al Petition for Road in Holland

The undersigned Inhabitants of Holland in said County, beg leave to represent, that the road leading from Elisha Kinsley's in said Holland northerly to the Factory Village in said Holland, is hilly, sandy and circuitous; and that a way commencing at the forks of the Roads, a few rods east of said Kinsleys, and passing through the land of Isaac Church, Willard Weld, and others, in a Northeasterly direction, intersecting the new travelled road, at the foot of the hill north of the meeting house, would save the hills, distance, &c. Therefore your Petitioners do request that your Board would view the premises, and make such alterations and improvements, as in your opinion public convenience requires; and as in duty bound shall ever pray. Signed

Sigmar Gould & others

Holland June 24. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1839 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at Kinney's Hotel in Holland on Tuesday the 24th day of September next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages.

Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town Clerk Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy is to make return thereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks. Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1839 And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows viz.

Hampden ss Aug 23. 1839. I Served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by serving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows viz

Hampden ss September 24. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice, as the law directs to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice as the law directs and according to the foregoing order as there set forth, stating the manner of publication, and the time, hence and purpose of the meeting, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and as published with said Copy, and proceeded to view the premises described

in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard therein, we were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required sheriff repairs and improvements in the road as described in said petition, and that no alterations are necessary, and so adjudge in the premises

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks } County Commissioners.
Gideon Stites
John Ward

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Repairs adjudged of Common convenience and necessity.

And this petition is continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Kinney in Holland, on Wednesday the 4th day of December next, at 3 O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations intensted in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least: and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

"Hampden ss Oct. 21. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff."

At which last meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. December 4th 1840. The County Commis-

sioners of said County having given legal notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as also by the publication of an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof in a Newspaper printed in said County, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, agreeing to the requirements of law, and the foregoing order thereon set forth, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract, and proceeded to direct and order certain improvements and Specific repairs in said road between the west side of the brook near Fuller's Factory and Kinneys tavern in said Norfolk; it appearing to said Commissioners that a change of location in said road was unnecessary. The improvements and repairs ordered and directed are as follows, to wit.

The brow of the hill, in front of the Congregational meeting house, is to hauled down, or reduced, for about ten rods east of the present brow of the hill, and in such manner as not to injure or impede the passing to and from said meeting house; and the ground between the road and meeting house is to be properly staked, and the travel path in ascending the hill is to be hardened with loom or gravel. The Road is to be reparid between the school house and said Fuller's house, by hauling down hills and Knolls. The bridge near the Factory is to be made 18 feet wide, and constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner. In all other respects, said road is to be worked and repaired in a substantial and permanent manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifth day of August next.

All which is submitted.

James R. Brooks & Seal } County
John Ward & Seal } Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the improvements and repairs established as a public highway

A. B. Lyman et al Petition for alteration of Road in Chester

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

We the undersigned, would respectfully represent, that the road leading from Varley Cook's through the centre of the town of Chester, to Middlefield is hilly and circuitous, and we think that public good requires that there should alterations made in a new road laid some part of the way. Your petitioners would therefore pray that a view of the said road, and other routes, be taken by your honorable board, and such improvements and alterations made, as you may think proper

(Signed) A. B. Lyman & others

Chester, June 10th. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was ordered that

that said Commissioners meet at the House of Lucky Cook in Chester on Friday the first day of November next, at 9 oclock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town clerk of Chester, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1839.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

"Hampden ss. Oct. 1. 1839. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz

Hampden ss. Nov. 1. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given due and legal notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as well as by the publication of a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, in a Newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the same and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who desired to be heard upon the subject matter thereof. Said Commissioners were of opinion that common

convenience and necessity require, that certain alterations, improvements and specific repairs should be made, as prayed for in said petition, between the termini therein mentioned, and so adjudge in the premises

All which is submitted,

James W. Brooks
Gideon Bates } County Commissioners.
John Ward

Which report being read and considered is accepted; and the alterations and repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. and by adjournment on the fifth day of September A. D. 1840 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, on Tuesday the 27th day of October next, at 9 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear the persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks. Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows viz.

"Hampden ss. Sep. 5th 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Chester, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff."

At which meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. October 27th 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations, interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as well as by the publication of an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, in a News-paper printed in said County, according to the provisions

of law in that behalf, and attending to the directions and requirements in the foregoing order the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, as also the time and manner of publication being in said abstract and order particularly stated, in conformity with the abstract as published, and the aforesaid Jurors met at the time and place therein mentioned and proceeded to lay out, direct and order certain improvements and specific repairs in the Highway mentioned in said petition, as follows to wit. The travel path of said road on the steepest part of Cook's hill, so called, is to be turned back a little to the right or easterly side of the road, and constructed upon or near where the road was first made and the brow of the hill, at the turn of the road is to be hauled down and reduced as much as may be practicable and consistent with the estimate of expense hereinafter mentioned. And other places in said road, where the same is inconveniently narrow between Cooks hill and the meetinghouse, are to be widened and properly repaired. All mounds are to be constructed in a manner that they may be passed over with ease and convenience. The ditches and watercourses are to be thoroughly repaired in all places where the water runs upon the road. In all other respects, said road is to be worked and repaired to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, by the first day of September next.

The expense necessary to be incurred in the improvements and repairs of said road, we estimated at the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, and order that sum to be expended on said road in improvements and repairs as aforesaid

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners.
John Ware

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the repairs and improvements established.

Selectmen of Chester, petition for allowance Bridge at Chester Village

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Subscribers, Selectmen of Chester, respectfully represent, That by a Resolve of the Legislature of the Commonwealth, passed on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1821, the County of Hampden is required to pay a portion of the expense for rebuilding and maintaining, from time to time, a Bridge at Chester Village in said County: that in the month of January last, said Bridge was destroyed and carried away, and the expense of rebuilding said Bridge, was estimated at the sum of $477.14. and has been repaired and rebuilt and the expense actually incurred by said Town in and about rebuilding the same, amounts to the said sum of $477.14 Wherefore your petitioners pray the County Commissioners to make such appropriation from the County Treasury, to the town of Chester, on account of the expenses so incurred, by said Town, as in your opinion will be just and proper. And that you would appoint an agent to attend to the expenditure of such sum as you may

allow, and to examine the premises according to the provisions, according to the provisions of said Resolve. And as in duty bound will pray.

Isaac Stevens
Wm Moor } Selectmen of Chester.

Chester Oct 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Second Tuesday of April A. D. 1839, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows, (viz)

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year Eighteen hundred and forty.

On the Petition, Ordered That the Sum of Two Hundred and thirty Eight Dollars be paid to the town of Chester, out of the County Treasury, to reimburse said Town, in part for expenses in rebuilding the bridge at Chester Village, according to the provisions of a resolve of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed Jany 25. 1839, in relation to said bridge. The whole expense of rebuilding said Bridge being estimated at the Sum of four hundred Twenty seven dollars and fourteen Cents.

James K. Crocker
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners.
John Ward

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Order established.

Selectmen of Westfield &c. for new Road by the New Great River bridge

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden ss.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Westfield, respectfully represent, That on the petition of the Selectmen of said Town, certain alterations were made, and established, in the Road leading from Westfield to Northampton. The bridge place, for the Great River bridge, so called, by reason of such alterations, was removed up the River to the Works on which is established a Mill-dam, lately owned by Maj. Horace Noble: that an error has occurred in the Report of the Survey of said road, which, though not material in itself, may hereafter mislead in examinations of the lines of said road as located on said Petition; that said petition was entered before said Commissioners, and acted upon by them, some time in the Year 1839, and a new Bridge is now in Construction on said new location: Your Petitioners, therefore, request the Commissioners to view the premises and cause the line of said road to be run anew, and established with suitable Monuments, according to the Surveys of said Commissioners, when and where said alterations were made and as said road was then and there established, and also to make any further alterations that may be thought necessary and Expedient.

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David Moseley
Hiram Harrison
Salmon Ensign
Roswell Sherman
David Drake
} Selectmen of Westfield

Westfield June 1st 1840.

The foregoing Petition was intered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of John Rogers, in Westfield, on Monday the 24th day of August next, at 2 oclock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said Petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same; and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons, and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said Petition by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Westfield Spectator, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said county or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. since the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

"Hampden ss. July 17. 1840. I serve the Town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

G. Rice, Sheriff."

At which last meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. August 24th. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing to be published in a Newspaper printed

on said County, and copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting according to the provisions of law, in that behalf and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, to published as aforesaid, and at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the road described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that said road ought to be run out a new, and bounds and monuments established on both sides of the same; and that certain alterations should be made therein, and said Commissioners do adjudge in the premises, and do report accordingly.

James H. Brooks } County Commiss.
Gideon Stiles }
John Ward }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of John Rogers in Westfield on Tuesday the 3d day of December next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages—

Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Westfield Spectator, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting; The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James H. Brooks, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Oct. 21. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him. I posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days

before the time of said meeting.)

Caleb Rice, Sheriff.

At which said meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows. (viz)

Hampden ss. Dec 3d 1840. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County; as also by publishing an abstract of said petition. Containing the substance thereof in a Newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of Law, and the requirements of the foregoing order in that behalf. met at the time, and place, and for the purpose in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract, and proceeded to lay out, establish and run anew, said Highway, according to the prayer of said petition, as follows, to wit. Beginning at a stone monument on the southerly side of the Montgomery road, and at the Northeasterly corner of C. P. Mallorys barn lot, and on Course & bearing S. 21° W. 4 rods and 12 links, from the Southeasly corner of Ira Leonards Iri brick House; thence from said Monument S 47° W 29 Rods 21 links to a Stone Monument; thence S. 32¾° W. 23 rods to the Northwesterly river corner of the wing of the most northerly abutment of the New Bridge; a large Elm tree standing 2 rods 20 links from said abutment corner; and on a bearing or course N 34¾° W from said Corner; thence across the river S. 19¼° W 28 Rods 12 links, to the most northerly stone fence post of a house lot, or door Yard fence, belonging to Hiram Hull, and about 3 feet southerly of said Hulls new wharfing or embankment; and thus far said road is laid three rods wide; and the line run is the westerly or right hand limits; thence S. 25¼° W 13 rods 25 links to a stone monument, near the north East corner of Heman Sacketts door yard fence. And all the land lying between the last mentioned course and the old road leading to the old bridge place, is taken and Established as Highway; the same being a triangular piece of Land, and the river being the Northerly side of said piece and bounding the same. And said road, as above described, is established as and for a Highway, according to said new running; reserving to the owners of the mills, all the rights and privileges that were reserved when this road was first laid and established by the County Commissioners, in the Year 1839. Said road having been heretofore worked and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners and now, after hearing all persons and Corporations upon the subject of damages, who desired to be heard thereon; — and no damages being claimed

none are allowed, and said road is hereby accepted and approved.

All which is submitted.

James W. Lewis, & Lot } County Commissioners
Gideon Stiles & Line
John Ward & Line

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as and for a public Highway.—

D. Jones et al Petition for discontinuance of Road in Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The subscribers, represent, that an Old way or road in Springfield leading from Boston Road, near Ware Swamp, northerly in a crooked and circuitous route, to the old Bay road, crossing the same, and running thence, to near the old Paul Dean Simon's place, so called, is unnecessary, and ought to be discontinued, or laid anew, or altered, to the end that it may be of some use or benefit to the public or to individuals. Wherefore Your petitioners pray the Commissioners to view the premises, and make such adjudication thereon, as may be deemed meet, and proper and for the good of all concerned.

(Signed) Locke Jones & others.

June 5. 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the 2d day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the Road prayed for: Provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy make due return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said

Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.
James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, on pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz

"Hampden ss. Oct. 22. 1846. I delivered the Town Clerk of Springfield an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff"

"At which last meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, viz:

Hampden ss. Dec. 2. 1846. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition in a Newspaper printed in said County, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting therein ordered, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf, and according to the requirements in said order of notice mentioned and published accordingly; met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition; - said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity did not require that said old road should be continued and kept upon as a public way; but that the same ought to be discontinued. And thereupon, no objection being made by any person or corporation, to the discontinuance of the same, said Commissioners accordingly adjudge that said old road way be, and the same is hereby discontinued. No damages being claimed none is allowed. James W. Crooks, one of the County Commissioners, an inhabitant of Springfield, did not act in this case; and Lucius Wright, a Special Commissioner appointed and acted on said petition, in the place of said Crooks

All which is submitted

Wickam Skinner } County Comm's.
John Ward }
Lucius Wright, Special Comm's.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted and the road discontinued

W R R Co Petition for Change of Road in Chester.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation humbly Represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road through the Town of Chester in said County and that the Highway leading from the Dwelling house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, to the Bridge near Daniel Roots in Middlefield, interferes with the location thereof: and for the greater facility of crossing said Rail Road and for the security thereof they have thought proper to change the location of the said highway near the Dwelling house of Elijah Hunter, by turning the same a little more Easterly, near the house of said Hunter, and crossing the Rail Road nearly at right angles, and passing on the easterly side of the Rail Road, and parallel and adjoining thereto, and to enter the old Highway near the southerly end of land of Daniel Bigelow passing upon lands of said Elijah Hunter, and land of Daniel Bigelow. Wherefore your petitioners pray the said Commissioners to direct in what manner said highway shall be made, and make location of the same; and do all things relative to the same required by law.

Dated at Springfield the 27th day of October A.D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corp^n

By R. D Morris, their atty.

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Chester, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing petition and consent that the location of said Highway may be made as prayed for in said petition, and hereby wave notice, and consent that said Commissioners shall adjudicate thereon at their next regular meetings to be holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December next.

Oct. 27th 1840

Forbes Kyle
R L. Bromley
Sam Henry
} Selectmen of Chester

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden,

The Subscribers, owners of lands upon which the Western Rail Road corporation have changed the location of the County road, leading from Isaac Stevens in Chester to Daniel Roots in Middlefield, hereby certify that we waive all claim for damages, and consent to said location, and signify that said location may be accepted by the commissioners their next regular meeting, and waive notice to us. Nov 4. 1840

Witness R Morris

Elijah Hunter
Daniel Bigelow

Hampden ss. October 27. 1840 The foregoing petition being this day presented to the Subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners of said County, it is ordered that the Commissioners meet at the Court House in

Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December next at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon, the same being the next regular term of said
Commissioners, then and there to act on said petition: And it is
also Ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the Selectmen
of the Town of Chester, and also to Daniel Bigelow and Elijah
Hunter, of the pendency of said petition, previous to the time
of said meeting, by serving them respectively with an abstract
of said petition, containing the substance thereof and this order
thereon. And the said Western Rail Road Corporation as
principal, and R. S. Morris, as surety, appear and recognize
to the County of Hampden, in the sum of Five hundred Dollars
each, conditioned to save Harmless the said County from
all costs and expenses on account of said petition

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of said County, at the Court House in Springfield, on
the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1840. In the
matter of the foregoing petition and order passed thereon,
it now appearing to said Commissioners that full and suf-
ficient notice has been given to the Selectmen of the town
of Chester, and to Daniel Bigelow and Elijah Hunter, named
in said petition; all which appears by the foregoing certificate
of the said Selectmen, and persons above named waiving
the notice required by said order; and a view of the
premises being deemed by said Commissioners inexpedient
and not required by any person or Corporation interested
in said petition; it is here determined that a view of the
premises is unnecessary, and that a hearing and adjudi-
cation on said petition be now had

And now at said meeting, no person or corporation
desiring to be heard, or appearing to object to the alter-
ations prayed for in said petition; and the several
owners of Lands, and the Town of Chester, by their Se-
lectmen, consenting to said alterations, we have alter-
ed and Estabtished the same, as prayed for in said
petition, and according to the plan and survey here-
unto annexed.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks } County
Gideon Stiles } Commissioners
Solon Ward }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Ordered. That Justice Willard and James W. Committee.
Crooks be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer

William M. Horton is licensed, as a Retailer in the Horton.
Town of Springfield, in the Store of A. Chase in
State Street.

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Earl

George S. Earl is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at the house next East of the Town House

Pease.

Symon Pease is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store East side of Main Street, by the Rail Road Depot in Springfield

Glover.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden Pelatiah Glover, of Wilbraham, in said County represents, That public convenience requires that he should be licensed as a Retailer of Spirituous liquors, at his Store in said Wilbraham, near the Dwelling House of Thomas Glover, and that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Town for their certificate of approbation, in order to obtain said license; and that they have unreasonably refused to grant said certificate; and that he has notified said Selectmen that he should apply to the Commissioners at this time for a license. Therefore he now asks the Commissioners to grant him a license as aforesaid

Dec. 22d 1840 Pelatiah Glover

Which petition being read and considered is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Stowell.

Percy Stowell, of Wales is licensed as a Retailer, at his shop, near his Dwelling House, in said Wales.

Perkins

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The petition of Edwin F Perkins respectfully represents, that the Selectmen of Westspringfield have unreasonably neglected and refused to approbate said Edwin, as an Innholder in said Town. Your petitioner therefore prays, that a license be granted him by this Court, as Innholder as aforesaid in the house now occupied by Freeman Perkins

Edwin F Perkins

By his attorney. Edm'd. Towne.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the Petitioner is granted.

Putnam

Elisha Putnam is licensed as a Retailer in Westfield

Upson

Elnathan Upson is licensed as an Innholder in the town of Westfield.

Ives.

Theron Ives is licensed as a Retailer and Common Victualler in the town of Russell

Necessity

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be out of the Treasury of the County

of Hampden, viz.

To Frederick Fowler, Witness & Cost of Mallory		$. 55
" Roswell Lemons	" "	.55
" David Moseley	" "	.55
" Ozem Sackett	" "	.55
" Lyman Smith	" "	.55
" Roswell Shurmon	" "	.62
" Amasa Parsons Sundry work		27.00
" Danie Moseley Surveying		2.00
" Justice Minard warrt Writing Treas ofc		5.00
" Saz St. Crooks " " & monthly County estimate.		5.00
" Raymond & Morris June Jail		17.00
" John Ward Labor as Agent		18.60
" C. R. Ashley & Co printing, advertising &c		62.07
" C. Bowles "		47.79
" W Stone "		3 33
" E. H. Turning & Co Candles		2.64
" C. Torrey printing &c		24.25
" C. Blake, prisoners		2.62
" Collins for paid L. Wells for rounds for locating &c		4.00
" H. R. Faille as Physician at Jail for 1840		20.00
" Wm Rice Expenses going to Boston settle with Com.		16.50
" Zadock Dymon work & Jail		10.66
" H & L Brown Sons County		9.14
" John Ingersoll Catching, &c		14.72
" O. A. Seamans Surveying, &c		53.54
" Hitchcum & Ingraham, Map, Jail & County House		3.13
" C. Stearns, Boards "		5.65
" H. Fox & Co Sons for County		4.12
" Hayden & Gorham Clothing Prisoners		5.00
" Draper & Barley Blankets &c "		22.00
" Calvin Rice Serving notices, &c		20.79.
Adjourned Term. Jany 1841.		
" James Brown & Co Sons County		11.00
" Sol. Hatch making return Prisoners &c		1.00
" Saml. W. Crooks Services at Jail, County House &c		33.52
" Amasa Parsons attendg Court		6.00
" O.B. Morris Servant &c		6.00

Henry Brown is appointed Clerk, until the vacancy be filled, and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Clerk, before said Commissioners.

Hampden Co. Jan. 4th 1841 All matters not acted upon are Ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest H. Brown, Clerk. P.T.

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April 1841

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the thirteenth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and to the fourteenth day of said month; and by adjournment on the twentieth day of said month and from day to day to the twenty third day of said month

By James W. Crooks, Esq. Chairman
Gideon Bates Esq } County Commissioners
John Ward Esq.

To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

E. Hubbard et al Petition for Road in Chester.

Your Petitioners would respectfully represent. That whereas the bridge, which formerly crossed the west branch of the Westfield River (so called) near the house in which Seamo Snow now lives in Chester, was carried off by a flood in January 1839. and the Western Rail Road Corporation, having built their said rail road into the river at the place where said bridge formerly crossed, so that your petitioners deem it a very unsafe place for a bridge; and the western rail road co. having determined on the establishment of a Depot for their said road on the plain near the house of Nathan Root in said Town: Therefore, we, your petitioners respectfully request your Hon board to view said premises, and lay a road as the public good shall require, from said Root's house, or from the termination of the Town road near said Root's house, and continue the same down the river to some crossing place opposite E. Hubbards farm land; and from said crossing place to the Depot of the Western Rail Road Co; thence crossing the river to the highway or Turnpike; and Your petitioners pray that your Hon Board order a Bridge laid across the River, at the aforesaid crossing place; and to discontinue the old road across the river, where the bridge is carried off, as in duty bound, &c.

(Signed) Edmund Hubbard & others

Chester, April 13. 1840.

The foregoing Petition was entred at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D 1840, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Isaac Stevens in Chester, on Wednesday the 20th. day of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and

after viewing to hear all persons and Coporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also ordered, That notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1840. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, (viz)

Hampden ss. April 20, 1840. I Served the Town Clerk of Chester with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz

Hampden ss. May 20th. 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return, of the Sheriff of said County, and by having caused to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, a true copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, and view, as set forth in said order, all which is according to the law in that behalf provided, met at the time and place mentioned in the foregoing order, so published as aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. And having viewed the same and heard all persons and Corporations who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, the further consideration of said petition and all adjudications thereon, are by

order of said Commissioners hereby continued and postponed to the next regular term of said Commissioners, to be holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June next.

By order of the board

James W. Crooks, Chairman.—

Hampden ss. County Commissioners meeting holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. and by adjournment on the first day of September A. D. 1840. And now said Commissioners, having further heard all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, we are of opinion, that common convenience and necessity require the location of the road as prayed for in said petition; and that a new road or highway be laid out and established from the termination of said town road near the house of Nathan Root and running down the river on some convenient line between the Rail Road and river, to nearly opposite the east line of Hubbard's land; and thence crossing the river to run southerly upon or near the east line of said Hubbard's land to the present travelled road, a little Easterly of Isaac Stevens's tavern; and we do adjudge accordingly.

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks } County Commiss.
Gideon Stiles }
John Ward }

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, on Wednesday the 5th day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, leave the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings

to the Chairman of said commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz.

"Hampden ss. January 1st 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners, made their report in writing, as followes, viz:

Hampden ss. February 3d 1841. The County commissioners having given notice persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, all which is set forth at large and required in the foregoing order, and said abstract being so published, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and the requirements set forth in said order; met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish two pieces of new road in Chester as follows, viz.

Beginning at a small maple Tree on the northerly side of the Highway, on a course or bearing S. 55½° E. with the Southeast corner of Isaac Stevens's Tavern. Thence from said maple, running N. 79¾° E. 48 rods to a stake and stones; the said stake and stones being 5 rods 17 Links from the Southwest corner post of the Depot Wood house, and on a course or bearing with said post. S. 20¼° West; the road is laid three rods wide and the line run is easterly or right hand side; and in connection with the above location, the following piece or section of the same road was laid viz. Beginning at a stake and stones on the southerly side of the above piece of road 27 rods from the above named maple tree, and 23 Links from the Southwest inside corner of the facing of the southerly wing of the most easterly abutment of the new bridge; thence from said stake and stones N. 16° W. 9 rods 15 Links to a large Chesnut tree marked; thence N. 15¼° E. 24 rods to a poplar or balm tree, marked, near the river bank; then N. 15° E. 10 rods 10 Links to a stake and stones, at the termination of a town road, near the House of Daniel Root; and laid said last mentioned piece of road

three rods wide, running on the left hand limits, or side next the river. After locating, we heard all persons and corporations, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and we assessed and allowed damages as follows, viz

To Daniel Root for his lands taken, and for fencing, we have estimated his damages at fifty Dollars, No other person or corporation claimed damages, and no further damages were assessed

The road and prices of road are to be built in a good and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of June next.

The Bridge across the river is to be built on Stone piers and abutments, and finished in a substantial and workmanlike manner.

The road to be worked 18 feet wide, exclusive of the ditches And whereas the said road Corporation have agreed to defray a considerable portion of the expense of constructing said Bridge, and sundry individuals have agreed to build said road and pay all land damages, and fencing, that part of said road, that runs up the river to said town road, we have estimated the expense of said bridge over and above all contributions towards the same, by the Western Rail Road Corporation, at the sum of three Hundred Dollars: and we have allowed the Town of Chester one hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the County Treasury when said road and bridge shall be finished, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles & Seal
John Ward & Seal
} County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as a Highway in

H. Root Petition for further allowance Road damage in Westfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, respectfully represents your petitioner, that in the alteration of the road near the house of Elihu Gaylord in Westfield, by your Honorable board, on the petition of the Town of Montgomery, about forty rods of ground and twenty appletrees, most of which choice and select fruit, was taken, belonging to your petitioner; that all of said appletrees will have to be cut down; that it will require more than forty rods of new fence; and that the whole amount of damages awarded was the sum of Thirteen Dollars; a sum not equal to the making the fence; Your petitioner therefore prays, that such further allowance may be made him as is just and reasonable

Herman Root

Dated Westfield March 7, 1840

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, acting as well on the foregoing petition, as on the original petition of the Selectmen of the town of

Montgomery, and having considered the whole matter in relation to the same, are of opinion that the further sum of Seven Dollars be allowed said Root, in damages; making in the whole the sum of twenty Dollars, as his damages for his lands taken for said road, and so adjudge in the premises and report accordingly—

All which is submitted.

Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted.—

B. Jenks vols Petition for Road in Wilbraham.

To the Hon the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Ludlow and its vicinity respectfully represent, that the road leading from Putts Bridge, so called, to the Boston Road, near the Western Rail Road Depot in Wilbraham, is crooked and inconvenient for travellers desirous of taking the Rail Road Cars at the Depot; Your petitioners therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the route and to straighten the old, and change the eastern part of the old road, and locate the same anew, by turning the same more southwesterly, that it may terminate at the Boston Road against the Rail Road Depot in Wilbraham.

Dated at Ludlow this eighteenth day of June A. D. 1840.

(Signed) Benj Jenks & others.

The foregoing Petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Depot of the Western Rail Road in Wilbraham on Wednesday the 30th day of September next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Wilbraham, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said

meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks Chairman.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

"Hampden ss. Aug 31. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice. Sheriff."

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their Report, in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. Sept. 30th 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, according to the provisions of law in regard to such notices, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice to published as aforesaid and required in and by said order of notice; met at the time and place, and for the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the route for a road described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested in said petition, who desired to be heard therein, said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that an alteration should be made in said road between Potts Bridge and the Wilbraham Depot, as prayed for in said petition; and that a part of the old road may be discontinued after a new road shall be established and opened, and do report accordingly their adjudication in the premises.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks, Gideon Stiles, John Ward } County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted and the alterations and Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1840. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Depot of the Western Rail Road in Wilbraham on Tuesday the 3 day of March next, at 2 o'clock

in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Past, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James. W. Crooks, Chairman.-

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows, viz:

Hampden ss. Jany 25th 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house. I posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made this Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. March 2d 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having, notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing of the Sheriff, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, according to the provisions of law in relation to such petitions and notices, which publication has been made, according to the foregoing order, and as required therein, and at the time and place, and for the purpose mentioned in said order, and in said abstract, so published, and proceeded to lay out, establish a piece of road or highway near the Wilbraham Depot, as follows, viz.

Beginning at a maple tree near a Spring of water, and ran thence S. 39 3/4° E. 57 rods to a stake by the road opposite the Depot: the above line extended will strike the north Westerly corner of the freight house of said Depot.

The road is laid three rods wide, and line run is the west or right hand limits.

After locating, we heard all who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and we assessed and allowed damages as follows, viz

To Nathan Stevens, Sixty Dollars.

The Springfield Manufacturing Company claim no damages on the line now run and agree to make the road free of expense to the town of Wilbraham.

Said road is to be constructed in a good substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next. The Pond hole on said Companys land, across which the road is located, is to be filled up, and the road here is to be brought to a grade with other parts thereof; and the high ground on Steven's land is to be hauled down and brought to an easy grade. The Spring of water on or near Stevens' land is not to be injured or disturbed. The road is to be worked 20 feet wide, for travel path, exclusive of ditches. In all other respects, said road is to be worked and finished in a substantial and proper manner, by the time above mentioned.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles & Seal
John Ward & Seal
} County Commissioners.

Which, report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as a Highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned Citizens of Montgomery and Westfield, respectfully represent, that the public convenience demands a change of location in the County Road in Montgomery, near the residence of Nathan Chapman by running the said road on the North side of Hayes' Hill; it being the natural and proper location for said road. And as your petitioners are desirous of obtaining a good road through Montgomery, they trust that the Commissioners will give them all the advantages of the most favorable location. And especially as one of the important objects held in view in improving our roads was not only to avoid the steep ascent of Hayes' Hill; but also to avoid the great cost of grading on the present location. They therefore pray your favorable consideration. And they as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

(Signed) David Allyn. Jun 2d &c.

Montgomery June 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a

F. Allyn &c. Petition for alteration of Road in Montgom.

meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners met at the house of Joseph F. Allyn in Montgomery on Monday the 23 day of November next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition and such meeting, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested when the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in this petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Westfield Spectator a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1840.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. Oct 17th 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him: and also posted up in two Public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz

Hampden ss. Nov. 23 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County; and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose

of the meeting in a Newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice; met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted, by an alteration of the old road between the houses of Jo. D. Allyn and Nathan Chapman, and so adjudge and report in the premises.

John Ward, one of said Commissioners, was absent, and Lucius one of the Special Commissioners, acted in his stead

All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks. County Com.
Lucius Wright Special Commis.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity

At which last mentioned meeting in Dec. it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Stages Upson in Westfield, on Thursday, the 4th day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting; The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting;

James W. Crooks. Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of

the foregoing order made his return as follows viz

Hampden ss. Jan 1. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. February 4th. 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, and named in the within order, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as is required by law, in such cases, which abstract, as also the within order, containing a notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting, so published in said abstract as required thereby; met at the time and place mentioned in said order and abstract, and proceeded to lay out and establish a piece of new road in Montgomery, as follows, viz

Commencing at the westerly bar post, near the corner of Joseph T. Allyns land on the northerly side of the old road thence running N. 42½° W 9 rods on a line with said Allyns wall, to the end of said wall; thence N. 35° W 11 rods on Thos B. Averys land, to a small appletree marked; then on said Averys land N 29¾° W 17½ rods to a fence: then on the same course 4½ rods to a stake near the lower corner of a large rock; thence N. 46° W 4 rods to a stake: thence N. 71° W 4 rods to a stake; thence S. 88½° W. 15½ rods to the south east corner of Nathan Chapmans door yard front fence. The line run is the right hand side of the road and the road is laid three rods wide. And we have established the same as and for a public highway. After locating said road and hearing all persons and corporations who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, we assessed damages to the owners of lands taken for said road as follows.

To Nathan Chapman for his land Sixty dollars.	$60.00
" Joseph T. Allyn, one Dollar	1.00.
" Thomas B. Avery, twenty dollars	20.00

No other persons or corporations were injured by the location of said road, and no other damages were allowed

Said road is to be constructed in a Skilfull and workmanlike manner, by the first of July next.

The travel path is to be eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches. All stones and stumps are to be dug up and removed, before the bed of the road is formed. The grade of the road is not to exceed three degrees

to the horizon in any places and the road is to be worked as near the north side of line as may be practicable. The fruit trees in Nathan Chapman's door yard and garden, are to be preserved, as it will not be necepary to distuib them in the construction of the road. In all other respects said road is to be finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July next.

All which is submitted.

James W Crooks & Seal
Gideon Stiles & Seal
John Ward & Seal
} County Commissioners.

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as and for a public Highway.

I Wallis et al Petition for Road in Holland and Brimfield

To the Honorable Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden.

We, Your Petitioners, believing that public convenience requires a new road partly in the town of Holland, and partly in the town of Brimfield, commencing at the end of the road between the house and barn of John Wallis in said Holland, thence running northerly through land of said John Wallis, Abner Webber and Daniel Charles, until it intersects the new county road leading from Holland to Brimfield, in the most suitable place, to accommodate the travel from Holland to Brimfield; therefore we the subscribers, pray your honorable board to attend and view said premises and further do as your in your wisdom shall think public convenience requires

Signed John Wallis & others.

Holland Oct. 5. 1840

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840. and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. D. Browning in Brimfield on Wednesday the 10th day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necpity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen

days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the town Clerks of Brimfield and Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz

"Hampden ss. January 5th 1841 I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him. & I also served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode. I also posted up in two public places in each of the towns of Holland and Brimfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden ss February 18th 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, as is fully set and required in said order so published, met at the time and place in said order of notice mentioned and required, and published as aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity did not require that a road should be located as prayed for in said petition; and said Commissioners so adjudged in the premises, and accordingly so report.

All which is submitted — James W. Crooks, Gideon Stiles, John Ward } County Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted. And the petition aforesaid is Dismissed—

Selectmen of Chester Pet for allowance Mo Res Road Chester.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Gent; We, Your petitioners would respectfully represent, that whereas the Town of Chester has been to the expense of Fourteen hundred and twenty two Dollars and thirty Cents in working and repairing the County road on the middle branch of the Westfield River (exclusive of two sections which were worked by the Highway Surveyor of said Town) as ordered by your Hon. board; therefore, we Your petitioners, for and in behalf of the Town of Chester, respectfully request, that your Hon Board, would estimate the expense of working said Road, and take into consideration the fact, that the road is more especially for the benefit of other Towns than the Town of Chester, and that we are very heavily burthened with roads and bridges; therefore, we Your petitioners, for and in behalf of said Town, respectfully request, your Hon board to lay such part or portion of the expense of said Road upon the County, as your Hon board shall deem just and proper, as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Isaac Stevens
Wm Moore
R L Bromley
} Selectmen of Chester

Chester
Feby 24. 1840.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1841.

And now said Commissioners, acting on the foregoing petition, and in view of the whole matter, do consider it just and proper, that an allowance should be made from the County Treasury, towards defraying the expenses of constructing said road; and we order that sum of One hundred dollars be paid to the town of Chester for the purpose aforesaid, as prayed for in said petition, and so adjudge in the premises, and report accordingly, said sum being less than one half the expence of constructing said road. All which is submitted.

Cyrus Knapp
Jabez Kyle
} County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered, is accepted.—

H Hull Petition for Reasonable damages

To the Honorable board of Commissioners of Hampden County

Your petitioners would represent, That in the Year 1839 upon the petition of the Selectmen of Westfield an alteration in the road, near and across the Great River in said Westfield, was made by Your Honorable board, removing the location from below, to a point nearly on a line with the Mill dam, said alteration proving

through my premises, and making the removal of my dwelling house and other buildings necessary, Your petitioner would further represent, that your honorable board proceeded to assess the damages, and no doubt such damages as appeared to present at the time; but yet a much less sum than the actual damages to your petitioner; and now your petitioner asks that you will review the circumstances of the case, and award to him such damages as he has actually received

Hiram Hull.

Westfield April. 13. 1841.

Westfield April 12. 1841.

This is to certify, that it has cost me to move my buildings, and to fix them again, together with moving the fence, and in no better condition than before $30.25
and for ¼ of an acre of land, as it cost $100. 405.25
Rec.d of the Treasurer by commissioners order 335.00
$ 70.25

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1841

And now said Commissioners, acting as well on the foregoing petition as in Reestimatage of damages on the original petition for laying out said road, are of opinion, that a further allowance should be made from the County Treasury, to said Hull in damages for his lands, and expenses by reason of said location, and do assess and allow the further sum of Twenty Dollars in addition to the amount he has already received; and so adjudge in the premises, and report accordingly

All which is submitted.

Cyprus Knox
Forbes Kyle } County Commissioners

Commissioners

Cyprus Knox and Forbes Kyle Esquires, who have been declared by the Examiners duly elected County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, appear on this 13th day of April A. D. 1841. and are qualified by Oliver B. Morris and Justice Willard Esqr. Quorum Justices, and said Commissioners being so qualified, took their seats.

Marquis Converse Esq Special County Commissioner was also sworn by the above Justices. April 14. 1841.

Attest Rich.d Bliss Clerk

L. Jones.

to the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session on the Second Tuesday of April 1841.

The Subscriber represents that on this day he applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as an Innholder in said town, which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant. Wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon. Board to grant

him a license as aforesaid.

Lyman Jones.

Wilbraham, April 12th 1841.

Which petition being read and considered is not accepted.

S. Baldwin

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session, on the Second Tuesday of April. 1841.

The Subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an application to be licensed as an innholder in said Town, which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant, wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon. Board to grant him a license as aforesaid.

John Baldwin

Wilbraham April 10. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Mc Cray.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session for the Second Tuesday of April. 1841–

The Subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as an Innholder in said Town and seller of Spiritous liquors, to be used in his house: which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant. Wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon board to grant him a licence as aforesaid.

John McCray

Wilbraham April 10. 1841

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

N Wolcott

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The petition of Noah Wolcott, represents that he has applied to the Selectmen of Westspringfield for an Approbation as an Innholder in said Town, which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant- wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon. board to grant him a license as aforesaid.

By his attorney

Wm M. Towne.

Springfield. April 13. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered, is dismissed–

P. Glover

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, at their Session on the Second Tuesday of April. 1841.

The Subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as a retailer of Spiritious liquors at their store now occupied by Petatiah Glover in said Wilbraham, and said Selectmen unreasonably refused and neglected to grant such approbation. Wherefore

Your petitioner is aggrieved, and now requests the County Commissioners to grant him a license to sell Spirituous liquors. he having given notice in writing to the said Selectmen, that he should apply to your board for such license, at this Term

Pelatiah Glover.

Wilbraham. April 10th. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered is acceptee and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.-

P. Stowell

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned, an inhabitant of the Town of Wales, in said County, humbly represents to your Hon. board, that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Wales for a Certificate preparatory to his obtaining a license to be a retailer of Spirituous liquors in said town, as provided in the 47th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and that the said Selectmen have unreasonably refused to grant him such Certificate: whereupon he prays your honors to grant him a license for the purpose aforesaid, notwithstanding the refusal of the said Selectmen to grant the said certificate: the granting of the said license being required by the public good, as Your petitioner believes.

Dated at Springfield, this 8th. Pliny Stowell
day of April 1841. and signed by Your petitioner

Which petition being read and considered, is Dismissed

C. Miller

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The subscriber respectfully represents, that he is an inhabitant of Wales, in said County of Hampden: that for the last ten Years he has kept a Public House in the Center of said town of Wales: that there has been, and is at present, no other public house within the limits of said Town; and that the public good requires that he should be licensed as an Innholder as heretofore: the Selectmen having unreasonably refused to approbate your petitioner as an Innholder.

April 13. 1841. Cornelius Miller

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner granted.

J. Ferry

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The petition of John Ferry, of Monson, represents, that your petitioner made application to the Selectmen of Monson for an approbation as a Retailer of rum, brandy, &c. in said Monson, and that said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant said approbation: that your petitioner gave notice to said Selectmen that he should make application to this Hon. board for license as retailer as aforesaid.

John Ferry

By his attorney Wm. M. Bowne.

Springfield April. 13. 1841

which petition being read and considered is not accepted.

April 14th. All matters not acted on are ordered to be Continued and this Meeting is adjourned to Tuesday the 27 day of April 10 A.M.

Attest Rich'd Bliss. Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

Ithal Rockwell, one of the Special County Commissioners Commission was sworn before Oliver B. Morris and Justice Willard. Esquires Ordinemus Justices. April 26th 1841.

Patrick Boies, Esquire, one of the County Commissioners. was sworn before Oliver B. Morris & Justice Willard Esquires, Ordinemus Justices. April 26th. 1841.

The persons so qualified, being present, except Patrick Boies, Esq Chairman. proceeded to the Choice of a Chairman of said board, and the whole number of Votes was four, Patrick Boies. Esq had four and was Chosen

Dimond Colton is licensed as an Innholder in Longmeadow-Colton. ow. at the House occupied by him.

Seattle County Commissioners of Hampden County. Burt.

Francis Burt of Longmeadow, in said County, represents that he has heretofore been licensed as a retailer of Spirituous liquors and wines in his Store, situated in the West Village of said Longmeadow, and public convenience and necessity require that said license should again be granted, and that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Town for an approbation for said license, and they have unreasonably refused to grant it. and he is aggrieved thereby. Wherefore he prays the Commissioners to grant him said license, said refusal to the contrary notwithstanding

By Geo. A Sherman his attorn

April 26. 1841. Francis Burt

which petition being read & considered is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

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C. Rust.

To the Hon the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Charles Rust of Southwick, in said County respectfully represents, that he made application to the Selectmen of said Town of Southwick, to be licensed as an Innholder in said Southwick, at the Stand Kept last year by Syerson Johnson and known and Kept as a public house for the last Sixteen Years: but the Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant such approbation: but Your petitioner believing that the public good requires that he should be licensed as aforesaid, gave notice to the said Selectmen that he should apply to this Court for license as aforesaid. He therefore prays, that he may be licensed as an Innholder in said Southwick
April 20. 1841. Charles Rust.
Which petition being read and Considered, is dismissed

Chapin

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
Daniel M. Chapin respectfully represents, that the public convenience requires that there should a common victualler in the village of Cabbotville, in the town of Springfield. He prays Your honorable board that he may be licensed as aforesaid
April 20. 1841. Daniel M. Chapin
Which petition being read and Considered, is accepted, and the said Chapin is licensed as above, with authority to sell wine, beer, and without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spirituous liquor.

Miller

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
William Miller of Springfield represents, that public convenience and necessity, require that he should be licensed as an Innholder and Seller of Wine & Spirituous liquors, to be used in and about his house, situated at Cabotville in said Springfield, on the new road leading to said Cabotville & called the "Connecticut River House", and that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Springfield for a certificate of approbation for said purpose, and that they have unreasonably refused to grant said certificate, and that he is aggrieved thereby. Wherefore he prays the commissioners to grant him said license notwithstanding said refusal of said selectmen.
April 20. 1841. William Miller
Which petition being read and Considered is accepted, and the said Miller is licensed as prayed for above, after the 23 inst. on condition that the Bowling Alley on the premises be removed.

Gibbs

To the Hon County Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden
The subscriber represents, that it would be conducive to the public convenience and interest, if he should be licensed as a retailer of ardent Spirits, at his store in

North Blandford, and that he applied to the Selectmen of Blandford for their approbation, in order to obtain a license therefor, and that the said Selectmen refused to give him their approbation and he feeling aggrieved by their refusal, gave them notice that he should ask of the said Commissioners, a license, for the purpose above specified.

Dated at North Blandford, March 27. 1841.

Lyman Gibbs.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Francis Clark is licensed as an Innholder at the House lately occupied by A. H. Pease, Middle Granville — Clark

Timothy M. Cooley 2d is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Granville — Cooley 2d

Timothy M. Cooley 2d is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Granville, at Elijah Seymour's House. — "

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Granville, at the house now occupied by him — Phelps.

Isaac Hardin is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Granville, at his Store. — Hardin

Elijah Seymour is licensed as a retailer at his Store in Granville — Seymour

Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder, at the Hawley Stand in Russell — Hawley.

William Lindsey is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Blandford, at the House called the Rail Road House, near Chester Village. — Lindsey.

Widow Elizabeth Beebe is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, at her House — Beebe

Enoch Doan is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, at the House occupied by him. — Doan

Jonas Parmenter is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester, at the House he now occupies — Parmenter.

Abigail Collins is licensed as an Innholder at the House occupied by her in Chester Village. — Collins

Daniel Collins Jr. is licensed as a Retailer of Spirits & Wines for medicinal purposes alone at his Store in Chester Village — Collins Jr.

Stevens	Isaac Stevens is licensed as an Innholder at Chester Factories, at his House.
Mooney	John Mooney is licensed as an Innholder, at his House at Chester Factories
Whitman	Lyman Whitman is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store in Agawam Parish. West Springfield
Talmage	Marcus M. Talmage is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in W. Springfield
Crafts.	Chester Crafts. is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Ireland Parish. W Springfield
Perkins	Edwin F. Perkins is licensed as an innholder at his House in West Springfield
Dewey.	Silas Dewey is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store in Feeding Hills Parish. W. Springfield
Palmer	Horace Palmer is licensed as an innholder at his Stand in Feeding Hills Parish. W Springfield
Woolcott, 2d	Noah Woolcott 2d is licensed as an innholder, at the House recently erected on Pond's Hill, in West Springfield
Loomis.	James A Loomis is licensed as a Retailer and Common Victualler at his House, near the Toll gate in Russell
Clemens	Francis Clemens is licensed as a Retailer of Wines & Spirits at his Shop in Westfield on the Canal Bank in said Town near the Depot.
Allen	Amos Allen is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Ireland Parish. W. Springfield
Royce	James C. Royce is licensed as a retailer of spirituous liquors in the town of Wales, at his Store, for medicinal purposes only
Dewey	Alonzo N. Dewey is licensed as an Innholder at his House near Palmer Depot
Bond	Emelius Bond is licensed as a retailer at his Store in Palmer
Calkins	Abel Calkins is licensed as an Innholder at his house in Palmer, Three Rivers Village
Turner	Elias Turner is licensed as an Innholder, at the place

called Allen's Stage House Palmer.

Alexander Stocking is licensed as an Innholder at the House now occupied by Orin Parks in Montgomery — Stocking

Albert Norcop. is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in the Town of Monson — Norcop

Amas Norcop is licensed as an Innholder with authority to sell Wine, ale, Cider, Beer, or any other fermented liquor without authority to sell rum, brandy or other Spirituous liquors at his House in Monson — Norcop

Abraham R. Murdock is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Boardville in Palmer. — Murdock

Ozias Hoar is licensed as an Innholder at Thorndike Village, with authority to sell fermented liquors, without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spirituous liquors — Hoar

Perlin Shearer is licensed as a Retailer, at his store in the Town of Palmer — Shearer

Mark & Billings are licensed as Innholders at Palmer Depot in the Town of Palmer — Mark & Billings

Elisha Kinney is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Holland at his House — Kinney

Millard Weld is licensed as a Retailer of Spirits at his Store in Hollands. — Weld

John Ives is licensed as a Retailer, at East Parish Long-meadow — Ives

Ashley Hayden is licensed as an Innholder at his House at Potts Bridge in Sudlow. — Hayden

Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the House he now occupies in Westfield — Chapman

Martin Cowles is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Westfield. — Cowles

Elijah Arnold is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Westfield. — Arnold

Holcomb & Billings are licensed as Innholders at the House lately occupied by Mr Rogers in Westfield — Holcomb & Billings

Billings	William W. Billings is licensed as a retailer in the Store recently occupied by Selden Rogers, near the Rail Road Depot in Westfield.
King	Roswell King is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in Westfield
Hubbard	Ezra Hubbard is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Ives' building, Westfield
Merrick	John M. Merrick is licensed as an Innholder, without authority to sell wine, brandy, rum, or other spirituous liquors.
Kingsley	John C. Kingsley is licensed as an Innkeeper, in the House called the Union House, in North Blandford, in the Town of Blandford
Lewis	James L Lewis is licensed as an Innkeeper at the House called the Blandford Coffee House, in the Town of Blandford
Bryant & Bliss	Bryant & Bliss are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield, at their Store on Main Street.
Gunn	Elisha Gunn is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store on the Hill, in the Town of Springfield
Bangs	Jonathan Bangs is licensed at his Store in the Hill in the Town of Springfield, as a retailer
H & J Brewer	H & J. Brewer are licensed at their Store on Main Street Springfield as retailers.
Covell & Goodwin	Covell & Goodwin are licensed as retailers at their Store on Main Street in the Town of Springfield
Bunker	Henry L Bunker is licensed as a Retailer at his Store on State Street, in the Town of Springfield
Webster	Sheldon Webster is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store on Main Street
Burbank Phelps	Burbank Phelps are licensed as retailers at their Store in Byer's buildings, in the Town of Springfield.
Upham & Ingraham	Upham & Ingraham are licensed as Retailers at their Store on the Hill in the Town of Springfield
Stocking	Elisha D. Stocking is licensed as a retailer, at his Store on the Hill, in the Town of Springfield

Freeman & Glover are licensed as Retailers, at their Store in Hales' Freeman & Glover
building on Main Street.

Jonathan Steele is licensed as an Innholder, at the Steele
Washington House in Springfield.

Ezra Kimberly is licensed as an Innholder at his House Kimberly
at Upper Water Shops in the Town of Springfield

Jeremy Warriner is licensed as an Innholder, at the United Warriner
States Hotel in Springfield

Austin Chapin 2d is licensed as an Innholder at his Chapin 2d
House near Colebrille in the Town of Springfield

Olofson Pendleton is licensed as an Innholder at the Pendleton
Williamansett House in Springfield

Hezekyce Benney is licensed as an Innholder at the Benney
Franklin House in Springfield

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at the Five Fuller,
Mile House in Springfield

Ezekiel Adams is licensed as an Innholder at the Adams
Adams Hotel in Springfield

Leonard Hannum is licensed as an Innholder at the Hannum
Columbian Hotel in the Town of Springfield

Silas A. Smith is licensed as an Innholder at the Smith
Rail Road House in the Town of Springfield

Albert P. Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at the Chapin
Springfield Hotel in the Town of Springfield

Marvin Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at the Cabel Chapin
House in Springfield

Winton & Tucker are licensed as Innholders at the Winton & Tucker
Hampden Coffee House in the Town of Springfield.

George S Earle is licensed as an Innholder at the place Earle
called Earls Ranch or Mansion House in the Town of Springfd.

Micajah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder, at the Taylor
House he now occupies in Westfield

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder in the Loomis
House he now occupies in Westfield

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Jennings

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Spencer Jennings respectfully represents that the public good and convenience requires that a Public House should be Licensed and Kept at Wilbrahum Depot: that he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation, which they have unreasonably and unjustly refused to give him: he therefore prays your Hon. Board that he may be licensed to keep the House at said Depot, last year Kept by E. C. Mann. to sell Spiritous liquors, and with all the privileges usually granted to Keepers of public Houses Spencer Jennings.

April 22. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Order to borrow Money.

Ordered by the County Commissions that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow a Sum not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars, towards the current expenses of the County, and to give a Note or Notes therefor, and to renew the same from time to time, as may be deemed necessary, to be reimbursed from the Taxes to be collected the present Year.

Committee Court Square

William Rice, Esq. resigns his office as one of the committee on the Court Square, which is accepted by the County Commissioners: and Philip Willey is appointed to supply his place.

Fuller.

Jerusha Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at her House in Ludlow.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury viz:

William H. Foster. Coroner. Inquisition on the bodies of Erastus Noyes. Abel Millard. Charles A Stacey & E. B. Bacon. December 19. 1840 8.25

Jurymen-	E. D. Beach	attending 2 days	2.50
"	Daniel Bontecou	"	2.50
"	Elijah Blake	"	2.50
"	Henry Seymour	"	2.50
"	Philip Willey	"	2.50
"	Edward A. Morris	"	2.50
Witnesses-	Asa H. Moore	"	1.00
"	Benjamin Merrit	1 "	.50
"	Cyrus H. Nichols	1 "	.50
"	Wilson Eddy	1 "	.50
"	George W. Whistler	2 "	1.00
"	Samuel H. Leek	1 "	.50
"	Reuben S. French	2 "	1.00
"	James Bacon	1 "	.50
"	John D. Horne	1 "	.50

To	William Hatfield, Constable	do	2.98
"	William H. Foster, Coroner, Inquisition on the body of a Child found dead in the Town Brook in Springfield Apl 2 1841.		6.00
Jurymen --	S. W. Newcomb foreman	2 days	2.50
"	Moses Bliss	"	2.50
"	William Bridgman	"	2.50
"	Samuel Bowles	"	2.50
"	S. L. Miller	"	2.50
"	Leonard Cutler	"	2.50
Witnesses	Richard Carsan		.54
"	Daniel K. Kaigan		.54
"	Sarah C. Kaigan		.54
	William Hatfield, Constable		1.50
"	William H. Foster, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Sabbel Smith, March 11. 1841.		3.00
Jurymen	Samuel Hatham		1.25
"	Austin Chapin 2d		1.25
"	D. M. Moore		1.25
"	Marvin Chapin		1.25
"	William H. Clark		1.25
"	Jerome Wells		1.25
Witnesses	Mary B. Smith		.50
"	James H. Pease		.50
"	Ann Wright		.50
"	S. B. Bridgman		.50
	Ebenezer White Constable		1.70
"	Richard Bliss, Venire, Certificates, Copies of location &c		20.59
"	Noah Clark, Undertaker Jail in said County		947.04
"	James W Brooks, making Reports, on Petition		12.00
"	John Ward as agent of Three Rivers Bridge Co. vs Josiah White 3d 25 S. M. Burnell, 9. 75. David S. Paine 9.27 Their Bills for labor &c My services in opening said bridge & repairs &c		44.27
			10.00
"	William H. Foster Coroner View the body of John Whipple at the Depot in Springfield		3.00
"	C. A. Seamans, Surveyor		6.00
"	Moses Daggett, Work at Jail		2.25
"	William Rice Esq for Weights & Measures		405.00
"	Phillip Willcox, Stove, pipe, &c		5.25
"	Chicopee Falls Co. Work & materials for Jail		8.02
"	Binding Indexes & alphabets, &c	4 qrs Mr. Lattenday	40.50
"	Martin D. Graves work at Court House		31.90
"	Benjamin Loring 4 Reams paper 88. Tit &c 1.00		89.00
"	G & C. Merriams, Paper, Quills, &c.		15.94
"	Franklin Clark, painting Clerk & Register Rooms		5.50
"	Hatfield & Gorham Clothing for Jail		17.00
"	Horace Dunn Timber for 3 Rivers Bridge		52.40
"	John Ingersoll, Recording, &c		4.86
"	C. Rice Drawing Orders of Notices &c &c		29.61

To paid Henry Brown, Recording &c. 12.00
" " Amasa Parsons, attdg Court &c 41.50

County Estimate In conformity with a resolve of the General Court passed on the Seventeenth day of March A.D 1841 granting a tax of fourteen thousand & Four Hundred dollars for the County of Hampden the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County in manner following viz

Blandford	$ 567.31
Brimfield	615.59
Chester	266.18
Granville	422.46
Holland	160.94
Longmeadow	486.84
Ludlow	519.03
Monson	881.14
Montgomery	145.89
Palmer	761.62
Russell	189.10
Southwick	422.46
Springfield	5.017.27
Tolland	237.38
Wales	209.22
Westfield	1.315.68
West Springfield	1.323.72
Wilbraham	555.24
	$ 14.400.00

And Warrants have issued dated the twenty fourth day of April A.D 1841 directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several Towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of the their respective towns & requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect the same & pay the same to William Rice Esq County Treasurer his Successor, or order by the 15th day of September Next ensuing, as the Law directs

Hampden ss. April 23 1841. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Rich'd Bliss Clerk

June Co

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within for the County of Hampden on the fourth tuesday of June A.D. eighteen hundred & forty one, being the twenty fourth day of said month and by adjournment on the sixth day of July A.D. 1841 - from day to day to the ninth day of said July and by adjournment on the 27th day of July

By Patrick Boies Esq Chairman
Cyrus Knox Esq } County
Forbes Kyle Esq } Commissioners

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Humbly represent the Subscribers that a road or highway is much needed leading from Ashley's Ferry in West Springfield to Bush's Rock in Westfield in the most eligible route as to your Honors shall appear - that the increasing market at Cabotville opens a favorable place for the sale of provisions at that place, and the establishment of such a road will be of great advantage both to your petitioners & the public.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that the Commissioners would proceed to view said route and to establish a road between said Termini if the public good & convenience shall in their opinion demand it -

(Signed) Benjamin Ashley & others

Benj Ashley et al Pet for road in W. Spring & Westfield

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December A.D. 1836 & Continued from term to term to this term and now at this term this petition is dismissed -

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden -

The petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of said County respectfully represent: that heretofore and for a long time a toll Bridge has been erected & maintained by David Morley & his Successors, over against Agawam or Westfield River near the town line between Westfield & West Springfield, for the accommodation of the public travel, which Bridge was authorized by an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth - that said Bridge has been recently swept away by an overwhelming flood - that it is believed there is now no county road leading across the river near the location of the late Bridge - that it is understood that the proprietors of the Franchise or the right to build a toll Bridge will never rebuild it, and that the public good imperiously requires that a new Bridge

Roswell King Pet for a road & Bridge in W. Spfd

on or near the place where the late Bridge stood Would be erected as soon as shall be practicable.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable Body would lay out a new County Road, from the County road leading from West Springfield to Westfield, beginning at the North side of the river, near the lines of the towns aforesaid, & running across the river in West Springfield at or near where the old Bridge stood so as to strike the County Road leading from Ensigns Mills towards Feeding Hills.

Your petitioners would further represent that a new County Road leading from near the dwelling house of Sylvanus Gilbert on the South Bank of the river westerly so as to intersect the Road leading from Ensigns Mills towards Feeding Hills, would very much accommodate the Public travel. They therefore ask your Honorable body that such a road may be laid out - and as in duty bound shall pray.

February 15th 1839.

(Sign.) Roswell King & als

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the third Monday of February 1839 by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty at which meeting it was ordered, a view having been had thereon and a new view being deemed expedient & proper, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Roswell King in Westfield on Thursday the 28th day of May next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein: and if the same should be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages. also Ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it was further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield & Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said towns respectively - an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. James W. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1840 and the Sheriff of said County on performance of the above order made his return as followeth viz

Hampden ss April 27. 1840

I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and on the 28th day of said April I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true and attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up on two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time mentioned for holding said meeting

C. Reed Sheriff

at which last mentioned Meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Hampden ss May 22d 1840 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by publishing a copy of said petition & the foregoing order of notice in a newspaper printed in said County as the law requires & as is set forth & required in the foregoing Order, met at the time, place & for the purpose mentioned in said order of notice and published as aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises set forth and described in said petition, & having viewed the same & heard all persons & Corporations interested in said petition, said Commissioners, were of opinion that Common Convenience & necessity required that a highway should be established & laid from near the house of Roswell King across the river to near the house of Sylvanus G. Morley & that said road be laid on the west line of the town of West Springfield and within the limits of said town & said Commissioners so adjudicate & so report accordingly -

all which is Submitted James W Cooke
Gideon Stiles } County
John Ward } Comm.rs

which report being read & considered is accepted & the road adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity — and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1841 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Roswell King in Westfield on the Seventh day of May next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate

according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear the persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages - also that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a Notice of the time & place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it was further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested Copy of said petition and this order of Court thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.

The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return herein forthwith his doings to P Bois Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - Per order of Comm-

Rich'd Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to this Term - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows

Hampden ss May 3d 1841. I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid - order of notice by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss June 16. 1841 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the return of the Sheriff & also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County as the law directs, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof & stating the time place and purpose of meeting - also the manner of publication as set forth in said Order & in said Abstract published as aforesaid met at the time and place in said order and abstract mentioned and proceeded to lay out and establish a highway & bridge as follows to wit beginning on the north side of Westfield river at a stake two rods East of the East one of three soft maple trees, standing on the bank of the River the direction from said Stake N 79° W to said maple - then across the said river S 16° W to the centre of the abutment of the old bridge on the south side of said river, west of S G. morleys house and in a line with a stake a little west of a button ball tree South west of said Morleys house; said first & last mentioned

Stakes to be for the centre of said bridge - said bridge to be wholly within the limits of West Springfield - said bridge to be fourteen feet in the clear for passage - and after locating said highway and bridge, we heard all persons and corporations, on the subject of damages who were desirous to be heard

We apprised damages to Sylvanus G. Mosley on the sum of fifty dollars for land taken for said highway and for material of his old bridge which may be taken and used in the construction of the bridge to be erected, over & above the benefits to said Mosley by the erection of said Bridge No other person made claim to any damages and no further damages were assessed.

And the Commissioners further ordered that said bridge be built by the Inhabitants of west Springfield of good materials and in a safe substantial and work-manlike manner to the acceptance of the commissioners and be completed and fit for passage by the first day of June 1842

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } Commissioners
Forbes Kyle

which report being read & considered, is accepted and the above way & bridge established as & for a highway -

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at the April Term 1839 -

Lydia Sargeant Pet for reass't of damages

The Undersigned an inhabitant of the town of Springfield in the County aforesaid respectfully represent that in widening Main Street in the front of the house of the subscriber your Honorable Board have taken about four feet in width & about Sixty one feet in length of land off the front of her house for which they have awarded twenty five Dollars damages, which your petitioner believes is not a just valuation of her real damages for the following reasons viz that your petitioner might by continuing the walls of the house to Main Street, and building a front wall make two good Stores to rent or sell, and by thus cutting off about four feet it would injure the value of the Stores materially making them 4 feet less in depth - also that it will cost Eighty one 3/100 Dollars to make a suitable fence as estimated by Simon Seaton and thirty six Dollars for raising & filling out the side walk, as estimated by Hiram Baker making in all one hundred & seventeen 3/100 Dollars. Your petitioner therefore prays that the Board of Commissioners would review their proceedings in relation to the assessment of damages & reassess the said damages - and in duty bound will pray

Lydia Sargeant

The foregoing petition was ordered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & forty nine and was continued from meeting to this meeting & now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows to wit:

Hampden ss July 7. 1841. At a meeting of the Commissioners for the purpose of considering and acting on the prayer of the foregoing petition, and after notifying and hearing the persons interested in the same. and after hearing them on the claim of damages and viewing the premises described in said petition have assessed as damages to the petitioner fifty dollars in addition to the sum heretofore assessed making in the whole the sum of Seventy five Dollars

Patrick Boies
Forbes Hyde
Cyrus Knox
} Comm.rs.

which report being read and considered is accepted.

John Hamilton et al Pet. for a road in Chester

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned would respectfully represent that public convenience requires a new road from near the new Bridge across the West field River by the Colonels House so called in the North West part of the town of Chester to run near the east bank of S.d River, to the footway near Silas Coats House, there to cross the river and run westerly to the Pontoosuc Turnpike, or if your honorable Board think it better to continue down on the east Bank of S.d River to the Hunter Rock so called, and to cross the river there or somewhere between Silas Coats and said rock, and run westerly to said Turnpike, also to make such alterations in the road leading from said Turnpike by said Coats House to Chester Meeting House, and in the road leading from said Turnpike by Joseph Abbots house to said meeting house as may be deemed expedient by your Honorable Board for public convenience. Your petitioners therefore pray your hon.rs to view the premises as soon as convenient and make such alterations in any old road and establish such pieces of new road as may be necessary

Chester 27th January 1840

(Signed) John Hamilton & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty & at said meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester on Thursday the 21st day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and

Corporations interested therein; and if the same should be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and at the locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and Corporations interested upon the Subject of damages.

Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the Substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

Samuel Brock Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1840 at which meeting the Sheriff made his return in pursuance of said order as follows

Hampden ss April 20 1840 I served the Town Clerk of Chester with a true and attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house - also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the Substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Hampden ss May 20. 1840 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, as the law in that behalf provides, a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time and place and purpose of the meeting and as is required set forth in said orders so published aforesaid, met at the time & place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons & Corporations interested who desired to be heard upon the Subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience & necessity require that a new highway should be laid out from the County road near the Bridge on the East side

of the river opposite the Coombs place as near the river as may be practicable to near the Hunter rocks so called — and thence to cross the river at some point between said Briage & rock aforesaid to the old Pontoosuc Turnpike and said Commissioners have duly adjudged in the premises & do report accordingly by — the Petition is submitted

James W Woods
Gideon Stiles } County
John Ward } Comrs

which report being read — considered is accepted, and the way is adjudged of Common convenience & necessity and this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Second Tuesday of April A.D. 1841 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Isaac Stevens in Chester on the third day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages — Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Chester, with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least — and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to S Burn Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

By order of said Com^rs

Rec^d Bk^s Clerk

And this petition was continued to this [illegible] meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return in pursuance of said order as follows

Hampden ss Apl 24 1841 I served the town Clerk of Chester with an attested Copy of this petition & order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss June 5th 1841 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner & form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County & also by publishing in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County as the law directs, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time place and purport of meeting and also the manner of publication as is set forth in said order & in said abstract so published as aforesaid - Forbes Kyle one of the County Commissioners by reason of interest being an inhabitant of Chester, the town where the road prayed for in said petition is situate, did not act in the premises; Cyrus Knox also, being unable to attend, did not act - Uzal Rockwell and Marquis Converse Special Commissioners in said County having been summoned to act in their stead appeared and acted thereon - And the Board of Commissioners thus constituted, met at the time & place in said order & abstract mentioned, and proceeded to lay out & establish a highway described as follows (to wit) Beginning at a large rock on the east side of the County road and six rods from the centre of the rail road - thence southerly on the east bank of the Rail Road one Hundred & twenty rods - thence South 31° East forty rods, thence south 34 E nine rods 6 links - S 32° E eight rods - S 38 E four rods - S 35° E nine rods twelve links to otis Waits land - S 35° E fourteen rods twelve link - S 27° E fifteen rods fifteen links S 20° E forty rods - S 10 E fourteen rods to the highway between Otis Waits and the river - thence West 20° South sixteen rods across the river to the Pontoosuc Turnpike. Said road is located three rods wide, and the above courses & distances are for the centre of said road.

The owners of lands over which said road is located are allowed for the removal of timber and other materials claimed by them till the first of November next - after locating said road we gave opportunity to persons and Corporations interested to be heard in damages - No damages were claimed and none were assessed -

The Commissioners order said road and the Bridge across said River to be constructed and builded by the Inhabitants of the town of Chester - Said road is to be made with the travelled path sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches, with sluices of sufficient capacity to carry off the water that flows from the Hills - the rocks and stones to be removed beyond the ditches and all rocks & stone near the surface to be dug up & removed The Bridge across the River to be builded of wood with

Stone abutments and in a substantial & safe condition for traveling - the whole to be completed in a workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of Sanet A. D. 1842

Submitted

Patrick Boise } Comm.rs
Asal Rockwell } Specific
Marquis Converse } Com.rs

which Report being read & considered is accepted, and the way established as a for a Highway.

Franklin Hastings &c Pet for repairs on road in W. Spfd

To the County Commissioners of Hampden, Ma.s
We the Subscribers represent that the road leading from Agawam Bridge to Suffield is very much out of repair: and the road from said Bridge to Nathan Bailey's is almost impassible. and that your Board would for thwith view the same and order such repairs & make such alterations in said road as the public convenience may require.

West Springfield April 11th 1840

(Signed) Franklin Hastings & others

The foregoing petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Samuel Noble in West Springfield on tuesday the 2d day of June next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for - after locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least - & post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. Sam.l W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of June A D 1840 at which meeting the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows
Hampden ss April 28th 1840 I Service the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with a true & attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him & posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the 2d day of June aforesaid -
E Rice Sheriff -
And this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October A.D. 1840 at which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:
Hampden ss June 2d 1840
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice in a newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and the terms & requirements of said order of notice, and published as aforesaid, stating the time place & purpose of the meeting in said order of notice mentioned, met at the time & place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and having viewed the same, and heard all persons & corporations interested therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that Common Convenience & necessity require that certain alterations improvements & specific Repairs should be made in said road, between the termini therein mentioned & so adjudge in the premises & Report accordingly
all which is Submitted
James W Crooks } County
Gideon Stiles } Comrs
John Ward
which Report being read & considered was accepted & the alterations & specific repairs adjudged to be of Common Convenience & necessity — and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Second tuesday of April A D 1841 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of M. M. Talmadge in West Springfield on the 15th day of June next at 10 o clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages

also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to P. Bates Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners also before the time of said meeting. By order of P. Com'rs

Rich'd Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. May 3d 1841. I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. June 15th 1841. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner & form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County & also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County as the law directs, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and stating the time place & purpose of meeting, and also the manner of publication as is set forth in said orders in said abstract so published as aforesaid - and having met at the time & place in said orders & abstract mentioned, proceeded to view the highway described in said petition & the alterations proposed and prayed for in the same. And having heard all persons & corporations interested in the same, were of the opinion & so decided, that certain specific repairs be made in the highway as now travelled by the Inhabitants of West Springfield where said highway is situated - and the said Commissioners order that repairs be made in said road by bringing down the small hill near Agawam Bridge so that the ascent shall be gradual - That the road beyond said hill southerly be thrown up and the travelled path widened to the extent hereafter mentioned - That the Bailey hill be repaired by lessening the ascent

and the travelled path covered with gravel - and Sluices
sunk from the centre of the road with such inclination
to the ditches, that the water may freely run from
the centre into the ditches - that the hill next South
of Bailey hill be repaired and brought down - the
travelled path made wider and the Sluices in the
hollow made larger and wider - that the next
hill South called the Colvin Bed or the hill, be brought
down and the hollow raised - that the bridge across
the brook at this place be made wider, and the Channel
through which the water flows enlarged - that all the
Sluices across said highway be made of good materials
either of Stone or timber - and be of the width of fourteen
feet at least - well covered and safe - that the whole
of said highway from said Agawam Bridge to
Eli Beds that House be thrown up - the bushes cleared
and the travelled path made Browning and of the
width of eighteen feet exclusive of the ditches - said
Highway to be made & constructed so that the same
shall be to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the
first day of October next.

All which is Submitted — Patrick Boise, Cyrus Knox, Forbes Hyde } County Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted &
the improvements & repairs established as a highway.

To The Hon.ble Board of Commissioners for the County
of Hampden.

Your petitioners inhabitants of Westfield — Silas Root et al
believing that it will be of public utility, should — Pet for alterations in Road
some alterations be made in the road leading from in Westfield
the top of pine hill by Henry Stiles house to the house
of Leonard Bush, respectfully request your Honors
to view said road as soon as may be & make
such alterations as you in your wisdom shall
think proper

(Signed) Silas Root & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden at Springfield
on the Second tuesday of April A.D. 1841 at which
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners
meet at the house of J.M. Parsons in Westfield on the
first day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the
prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear
all persons & corporations interested therein: and if
the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience
& necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for
provided no person interested objects to the same, and

after hearing, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages: Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations, interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Patrick Bries Esq, the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

By order of Com^{rs}

Rich^{d} Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Thursday of June A.D. 1841, at which meeting the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss April 24 1841: I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town and abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. June 1. 1841

The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the foregoing petition according to the order annexed to the same, by publishing a copy of said petition in a newspaper published in said County and by posting up in two public places in the town of Westfield copies of the same & by service of a copy thereof on the Town Clerk of Westfield as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County. Patrick Bries one of the Com^{rs} being interested as an Inhabitant of the Town of Westfield where said view was to be had, Marquis Converse one of the Special Commissioners of said County was summoned to attend and act in his stead - the board of Commissioners thus constituted proceeded to view the place mentioned in said petition - and after view had thereon they are of opinion and so adjudicate that common convenience & necessity require that certain alterations should

be made in the highway as prayed for in said petition.
And "persons or Corporations interested appearing to make objections to laying out and establishing said alterations - they then proceeded to locate and establish the alterations and additions as parts of a highway in said town of Westfield as follows to wit. Beginning at the north side of Silver Street, at a stake bearing S 2° 30 E 4 feet from the south west corner of Amos Bush House now owned by Dennis Hedge, and running N 89° 45 W 2.05 chains on land of said Hedge then on the same course 2.95 chains on land of Widow Huldah Fowler to Broad Street - the aforesaid land to be established as a part of a Highway - At the same time they proceeded to discontinue a part of said highway as follows, to wit a part of Silver Street between the houses of Lucius F Thayer and Asariah Mosely beginning at a stake bearing N 1° E 0.79 chains from the north west corner of Thayers House and running N 88° 45 E 6.40 chains to the west large gate post in asariah Moseleys door yard - leaving on the south side within the limits the present street twenty six rods of land.
No person appearing to claim damages, none were awarded to any persons interested in said lands.
Four months from the location of said road were allowed for the owners of land to remove their timber and other materials claimed by them - and the same length of time was given for the Inhabitants of Westfield to make and complete said highway in good order and fit for travel

Cyrus Knox
Forbes Kyle } Comm^rs
Marcus Converse } Pet Com^rs

which report being read and considered is accepted. and the alterations and additions established as part of a highway &c.

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

We your petitioners inhabitants of Brimfield & towns respectfully represent - That the road or publick highway from said Brimfield to Warren is hilly and exceedingly crooked, and that in our opinion a great improvement may be made by locating a new County road in the following manner to wit. Commencing at Warren line near John Prouty's in said Brimfield, thence Southerly over land owned by Capt A Homer, Aaron Bliss. Thomas Bliss, John Paine, Allen & H. D Griggs Lyman Griggs, in the place which to the Commissioners may seem the most proper, to the road near the

Oliver Blair & al Pet for a road in Brimfield

dwelling House of Lyman Griggs in said Brimfield.
We do request your Hon Board to view the road proposed & make such locations & alterations on the old road from said Lyman Griggs to the meeting House in said Brimfield as to your Board may seem proper
Brimfield May 30. 1839

Signed) Oliver Blair & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine, and was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1840 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J.D. Browning in Brimfield on Wednesday the 10th day of February next at 9 oclock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons & corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same. and after locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. and it was further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition & this Order thereon, thirty days at least—and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1841 at which meeting the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order made his returns as follows: Hampden ss May 8th 1841 I served the town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling House & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before said meeting C. Blair Sheriff

And the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden Feby 10 1841. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, & also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time place purpose of the meeting according to the provisions of law in that behalf & as is set forth in the sequence in & by said order of notice, met at the time & place in said order mentioned & so published as aforesaid & proceeded to view the premises described in said petition & having viewed the same & heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience & required, that a new road should be laid out & established as prayed for in said petition commencing near the house of John Beauty & running the most practicable route along the low ground westerly of Tower hill to some point on the old road between the house of Lyman Griggs & Brimfield Meeting House & so adjudged in the premises & report according ly. all which is submitted

James N Brooks
Gideon Stile } Co
John Ward } Comrs

which report being read & consideration is accepted & the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity - And at said meeting it was ordered that the Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph D. Browning in Brimfield on the 24th day of May next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons & Corporations interested upon the subject of damages also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.

the Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Patrick Boris Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

P. Boris Chairman

and the petition was continued to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss April 21st 1841 I served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition & order & notice thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Hampden ss May 24 1841.

The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the return of the Sheriff & also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County as the law directs, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time place & purpose of meeting & also the manner of publication as set forth in said order & on said abstract published as aforesaid, met at the time & place in said order & abstract mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish a highway for the use of the County as follows to wit Beginning at a point on the now travelled road on the line between the towns of Warren & Brimfield then running S 28° W 11 rods 7 Links. S 25° W 16 R. S 23° W 12 R 23 L, to the N West corner of John Prouty house, thence S 1½° W 24 R 22 L - S 18° W. 10 R 24 L S 41° W 7 R 9 L S 21° W 4 R across the old road thence S 8° W 41 R 5 L - S 16½° W 16 R 9 L - S 11° W 19 R - S 28° W 31 R 7 L. S 22½° W 34 R 13 L - S 19° W 6 R 23 L - S 17½° W 4 R 20 L - S 14° W 18 R - S 18½° W 16 R - S 20° W. 14 R 4 L - S 7½° W 9 R - S 9° E 3 R - S 9° E 9 R 5 L - S 25½° E 13 R 22 L - S 16° E 11 R 8 L - S 11° E 10 R 14 L S 15° E 21 R 15 L - S 15° E 23 R 15 L - S 19° E 8 R 2 L - S 24 E 12 R 3 L - S 25° E 7 R - S 4° E 21 R 2 L - S 4° E 57 R - S 13° E 31 R 16 L - S 30° E 20 R 20 L - S 35½° East 24 R - S 18° E 3 R 4 L - S 18° E 5 R S 1° E 24 R 13 L - S 6½° E 8 R 11 L - S 21° E 3 R 18 L - S 26° E 8 R 14 L - S 23° E 7 R 9 L to the old road leading from Town Hill to the Meeting House in Brimfield - We also made an alteration on the highway near said Meeting House to wit by taking from the land of Geo Bliss near the School House, from his north west corner S 2° W 2 R 8 L - S 4½° E 2 R 19 L -

Said road is located three rods wide, and the line surveyed is the centre of the same. After locating said road, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard on their claims for damages - and we have

assessed damages to the persons owners the sums as follows
To Capt. Hiland Homer $ 375.00
Thomas Blish 250.00
John Paine 200.00
Mrs H. D. Griggs 150.00
Lyman Griggs 140.00
Philip G Hallard 10.00
George Blish 5 1 0
1150.00

No other persons claiming damages by reason of said location

The Commissioners have granted to the owners & occupants of lands over which said road is located till the first day of October next for the purpose of removing timber roads & materials belonging to them.

The said road is ordered by said Commrs to be made and completed to the acceptance of said Commrs by the first day of July 1842

The commissioners order and direct in the construction of the road aforesaid that the same be made & finished under the following directions viz. Said road is to be constructed so that the travelled path shall be twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches the bed of the road when necessary is to be thoroughly broken up all stumps roots & stones to be removed before the making of said road - the low and marshy places to be either thrown up so as to be free from wet & mud, or thoroughly drained so that water may not stand in the ditches - the hills & knees to be reduced and low places raised so that the elevation shall in no place exceed three and half degrees, and in no place when practicable to exceed three degrees - In all places where sluices and bridges are necessary they are to be constructed of stone and in a thorough & workmanlike manner and of sufficient capacity to take the water at all times. Said road is to be provided with sufficient railing in all places of steep, when necessary so as to be safe for the traveller, to the acceptance of the Commissioners on a view of the same after completion - and the Commissioners further order as specific regards the old road - that on said road from Lyman Griggs to the river near the meeting House to be worked so that the travelled path be twenty feet wide and the hills to be so reduced so that the elevation shall in no case exceed three degrees - Patrick Boss
Lyman Knox } Comrs
Josiah Hyde }

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the above way established as for a highway -

Lucius Gibbs Pet for license

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session on the 2d tuesday of April 1841.

The Subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Chester for an approbation to be licensed as a retailer of Spirituous Liquors at the Store now occupied by Silas Sizer in said Chester, and said Selectmen unreasonably refused and neglected to grant such approbation. Wherefore your petitioner is agrieved, and now requests the County Commissioners to grant him a license to sell Spirituous Liquors he having given notice in writing to the said Selectmen that he should apply to your Board for such license at this term

Chester April 5 1841 Lucius Gibbs

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & forty one & was continued to this meeting & now at this meeting it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Votes. County Tr

The votes for County Treasurer having been sorted & counted it appears that the whole number of votes was three thousand nine Hundred & forty six, necessary for a choice nineteen Hundred & Seventy four, William Rice had twenty three Hundred & thirty four & is declared by the County Commissioners as Chosen & he appears and is sworn before the County Commissioners & has given bond to the acceptance of said Commissioners

Registr of Deeds

The votes for Register of deeds for the County of Hampden being sorted & counted, it appears that the whole number of votes was four thousand eight, necessary for a choice two thousand & five and William Rice has twenty three hundred & ten & is declared by the County Commissioners Chosen, who appears & is sworn and gives bond to the acceptance of County Commissioners

Lane

Otis Lane is licensed as a retailer of Spirituous Liquors at the Store now occupied by Sessions & Lane in Brimfield

Browning

Joseph D. Browning is licensed as an Innholder at his house in Brimfield

Carrier

The petition of Isaac H. Carrier to be licensed as a retailer of Spirituous Liquors at the Store now occupied by him in Blandford is not granted

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents the Subscriber that the Public good and convenience requires that there should be a license a Apothecary & druggist in Monson, in addition to the one now licensed that he has a suitable Shop in the most part of Monson for the purpose: that he has applied to the Selectmen of Monson for approbation, which they have unreasonably refused him & that he gave them notice of his intention to apply to your board for a license. He therefore prays your board that he may be licensed as apothecary & druggist in Silver Street so called in Monson. July 6th 1841

(Signed) Hiram Terry

Terry

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting and having been read & considered it is ordered that the Prayer of said petition be not granted.

Horace Cutler is licensed as a retailer of Spiritous Liquors at the Store formerly occupied by J Phelps near Mill River in Springfield. Cutler

James L Lyon is licensed to sell Spiritous Liquors for medicinal purposes only, at his Store in Westfield Lyon

Lyman Pease is licensed as a retailer at the Store East of Main Street near the passenger Depot in Springfield Pease

William L Tingley is licensed as a retailer at his Store on Stears Road at Chicopee Falls- Tingley

Elias Corbin is licensed as an Innholder at the House occupied last by J Bartlett in West Springfield. Corbin

Gibbs & Gabriel are licensed as Innholders at the Mansion House formerly called the Bisbee place in Springfield Gibbs & Gabriel

Buffum & Harding are licensed as Retailers at Store formerly occupied by Emelius Bond & Palmer Buffum & Harding

Noah H Clark is licensed as a Retailer at the Store house occupied in Feeding Hills West Springfield Clark

Voted unanimously to accept of an act passed at the last session of the General Court intitled an "act for establishing a House of Correction for the counties of Hampshire Hampden Franklin & Berkshire — No of Correction

Accounts

Cont'd

The following accounts were presented allowed & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury viz

To William H. Foster Coroner - Inquisition on the body of Nancy Nichols 8th Jan 1841			$3.00
Surgeons -	Joel Brown	attending 1 day	1.25
	Horace King	do	1.25
	William Foster	do	1.25
	Easter Bates	do	1.25
	Rufus Chandler	do	1.25
	Edwin Foster	do	1.25
Witnesses -	L.C. Allen	do	.50
	Lydia C Eaton	do	.50
	G.M. Hitchcock	do	.50
Constable	S.O. Russell	service - &c	4.41
To William H. Foster Coroner - Inquisition on the body of Nancy Spear June 30. 1841			3.00
Surgeons	- Reuben Sikes	attend one day	1.25
	W.B. Alden	do "	1.25
	Seman Jones	do "	1.25
	Calvin Shattuck	do	1.25
	Dennis Knowlton	do	1.25
	Charles D. Chaplin	do	1.25
Witness	Rebecca Spear	do	.50
	Anna Buell	do "	.50
	Hansen Simmons	do	.50
	W.B. Alden	do	.50
Lyman Dunn		Constable Services	1.30
Uehiel Abbott	Coroner viewing the body of Nathan Decker Nov 1840		3.00
Caleb Rice	drawing returns of Notices & taking care of the Jail yeas ending June 1st 1841		62.87
Benjamin Rathbun	repairing pails &c for Jail		5.35
Hatfield & Gordan	Clothing for prisoners &c		5.00
Cayadilla Moms	carpeting & cloth for tables in Court Room		18.78
Nov[r] Wright	putting down matting &c		25.00
I Nomes Jr	sweeping road &c		2.50
Goodman Bartlett	fixing windows in Court House		1.25
Seymour H Smith	glazing & setting in County House & Jail		4.52
James W Crooks	Making orders &c for Coroners 2 days		6.00
Thomas Parsons	Taking care of Court House &c		34.68
Rich[d] Bliss	services & copies of locations &c		38.29

July 27. 1841 Hampden's bill of sales not acted upon are ordered to be continued - this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Rich[d] Bliss Clerk

Oct. 1841

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within - for the County of Hampden on the first tuesday of October A.D. Eighteen hundred forty one being the first day of said month & from day to day to the seventh day of said October -

By Patrick Boise Esq Chairman
Cyrus Hunt Esq } County
Hosea Ayer Esq } Commissioners

To the Hon the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - We your petitioners do respectfully represent to your Honorable Body that whereas the Western Rail Road is soon to go into operation as the grand thoroughfare & will so divert the travel from the Chester Turnpike gate that it will not support said Turnpike - Your petitioners believing that there is no place in western Massachusetts that public convenience & necessity has stronger claims for the location of a County Road - and as much or none of it has been laid as such - We pray your Honorable Body to meet on said Turnpike as early as may be & lay & establish the same a county road from the easterly end thereof to the line of the County of Berkshire & award such damages to such all persons owning land when said road passes & give such sums for Bridges & permanent Stone work & repairs as your Honorable Body may think reasonable and just to said Corporation not desiring to waive the right of Jury.

C. A. Perkins Petition for road in Chesterfield over Turnpike

Becket May 1st 1841 (Signed) C. A. Perkins Agent for & in behalf of the Chester Turnpike Corporation

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred & forty one at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester on Friday the fourteenth day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition after viewing to hear all persons & Corporations interested therein & if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for - provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear at said place of Meeting, all persons

and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages
Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and
Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing
a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks
successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed
in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at
least before the time of said meeting. And it is further
ordered that the Sheriff of said county or his deputy serve
the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said
petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least — and
post up in two public places in said town of Chester
an abstract containing the substance of said petition
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.
The Sheriff or his deputy to make return hereof, & of his
doings to P Bowe Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners
at or before the time of said meeting. By order of Com'rs.
Rich Bliss clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October
A.D. 1841 at which meeting the Sheriff of said County
in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return
as follows:

Hampden ss July 20 1841 I served the Town Clerk of
Chester with an attested copy of this petition & order
of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling
House and also posted up in two public places in said town
an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C Rice Sheriff's

And the Commissioners made their report in writing
as follows

Hampden ss August 20 1841 We Commissioners of the
County of Hampden having given notice to all persons
& Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition
of which the foregoing is a copy in manner & form as
is set forth in the foregoing Return of the Sheriff of said
County & also by publishing a copy of said petition
together with the foregoing order stating the time
place & purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Gazette
a newspaper printed in Springfield & published in said
County according to the provisions of the law in that
behalf and as set forth & required in said order of
notice — having been notified by the petitioner that
the Town of Chester would make opposition to the prayer
of said Petition and that said Commissioners would not
be required to act. Said Commissioners did not act on
said petition & they order said petition to be dismissed
and award Costs to the Petitioner & they so adjudicate in
the premises & according by submit their report Patrick Dinn
Com'rs
Forbes Kyle

which report being read & considered is accepted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Edwd Badger & others Pet. for laying out of High St Springfield

The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield represent that a Street or road leading from Walnut Street near the house of Jonathan Burgess westerly to the high School House and from thence across School Street to Maple Street near the house of William Orne, is much used & needed for the public accommodation, but has never been laid out or established by any competent authority, that the Selectmen and said Town have unreasonably refused to lay out & establish said road, though often requested so to do & particularly at the last town meeting of said Inhabitants on the fifth day of April inst. Wherefore your petitioners request the County Commissioners to view, lay out & establish said road as a public highway as soon as may be -

Also that you would view establish & make certain alterations & improvements in the highway leading from the Franklin Hotel by the upper Water Shops, to the line of the Town of Longmeadow for the better accommodation and convenience of the public.

April 19. 1841

Signed Edward Badger & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & forty one and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841 at which first mentioned meeting it was ordered that the Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on the 21st day of June next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition & after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity. to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations interested upon the Subject of damages. also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested

in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least - before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to P Bass Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting By order of Sd Comm^rs

Rick^d Bliss Clerk

And at said meeting on the fourth Tuesday of June, the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows

Hampden ss May 5th 1841.

I Served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office & place of business, & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

(sign) C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss June 21. 1841

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order stating the time place & purpose of the meeting in a newspaper called the Springfield Gazette printed in said County according to the provisions of law on that behalf & as is set forth & required in said order of notice, met at the time & place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, & having viewed the same & heard all persons and Corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition. The said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition be granted so far as that the present travelled Street leading

in Springfield as of School Street
from Walnut Street to Maple Street near the house
of William Orne be established and widened and
thus located as a highway – and so adjudge in
the premises and accordingly submit their report

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County
Forbes Hyde } Commissioners

which report being read and considered is
accepted and the way adjudged of common
convenience & necessity – And at said meeting
it was ordered that said Commissioners meet
at the Court House in Springfield on Friday
the 27th day of August next at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding
to locate according to the prayer of said
petition, and after locating to hear all
persons and Corporations interested upon
the subject of damages – also, that notice be
given to all persons and Corporations interested
in said petition, by publishing an abstract of
said petition and a notice of the time and
place & purpose of said meeting, three weeks
successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper
printed in said county, the last publication to
be fourteen days at least before the time of
said meeting – And it was further ordered that
the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve
the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested
copy of said petition, and this order thereon
thirty days at least – and post up in two public
places in said town, an abstract containing
the substance of said petition fourteen days
at least – before the time of said meeting.
The Sheriff or his deputy will make return
hereof with his doings to P. Boise Esq the
Chairman of said Commissioners, at or
before the time of said meeting. Per order of
the Commissioners

Rich' Bliss clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting
and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of
said order made his return as follows:
Hampden ss July 26. 1841 – I served the Town
clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the
petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving
the same to him & also posted up in five public places
in said town, an abstract containing the substance
of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff –

and now at this Meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:
Hampden ss 27 August 1841 The Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County & also by publishing in three newspapers printed in Springfield & published in said County as the law directs, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, & stating the time place & purpose of meeting and the manner of publication as is set forth in said order and said abstract so published as aforesaid met at the time & place in said order and abstract mentioned and proceeded to lay out and establish a highway in said petition mentioned, to be made and repaired by the Inhabitants of Springfield, as follows. to wit. Beginning at a point north 80½° East 22 ft 2.5 inches from the South easterly corner of Jonathan Bangs dwelling House in the westerly side of Walnut Street Thence South 50° West 13 rods and 2 links to a stake standing at the Southeasterly corner of the front door yard fence of Joh Kilbons House, thence South 58¾° West 2 rods and 7¼ links to a stake standing a little northerly of the Southwesterly corner of said Kilbons front door yard fence, thence South 53½° West 32 rods and 6 links to a stake standing by the most northerly fence post at the South easterly corner of a lot owned by F.M Carew thence South 55° west 19 rods and 17 links to a stake standing on the westerly line of said Carews lot, thence South 57½° West 16 rods 14 links to a stake near the foot of the hill on the line of land owned by Ezra Richmond. thence South 49½° West 11 rods and 7 links to the Southeasterly corner of post of Sombard Dales front door yard fence, thence on the same course 4 rods and 15 links to the South westerly corner post of said last mentioned fence, thence South 51½° West 11 rods and 2 links including the width of School Street to the Southeasterly corner post of Henry L. Bunters front door yard fence, thence South 52¼° West 15 rods and 5 links to a stake standing 14¾ links Southerly from the Southeasterly corner of the widow Jones house thence South 58° West 6 rods and 1 link to the Southwesterly corner of Simon Sanborn's lot. thence South 49° west 25 rods and 10 links to a stone pillar standing at the Southwestaly corner of Col Ames front yard fence being the Corner of High & Maple

Street. Said road is laid out 50 feet wide from Walnut Street till it passes the door yard fence of Jonathan Bangs 2 from thence to Maple Street is to be two rods in width - and the above mentioned courses are taken on the northerly side of said road.

The owners of lands are allowed till the first day of May next to remove obstructions from the Road Located as above.

after locating said road we heard all persons and corporations on the subject of damages who chos to be heard -

Jonathan Bangs made claim for damages to be assessed to him for land taken for said road - The Commissioners were of opinion that he did not show title to the land claimed by him and declined assessing damages claimed -

The said road is to raised & constructed so that the travelled path shall be eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches - the Whole to be done in a good and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of June next.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } Commissioners
Forbes Ayle

which report being read and considered is accepted and the way Stablished are for a highway -

The following accounts were presented and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. viz

William H Foster Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Seamus Sock August 7th 1841 3.00

Jurymen — James M. Crooks attending 1 day 1.25
Jonathan Bangs " " 1.25
Fuller Hanley " " 1.25
Albert C Ramsdell " " 1.25
Daniel Barber " " 1.25
Henry Stocking " " 1.25

Witnesses — Cyrus Buckland " " 50
Betsey Gunn " " 50
Simeon Hubbard " " 50

Constable Stephen C Russell Serving warrant &c 94

" William Rice for making Survey for Lot 58 to 60 - 21 ½ do - 101 to 110 300.00

" A P Graves 1 cord wood for Court House 5.00

" Samuel Bell surveying road in Charlestown 2.00

" Henry James Crooks 6½ Cords wood for Court House 21.12

Item over

To Oliver B. Morris	use of water &c	6.00
" Benj Rathbun	repairing railing at Jail	15.37
" C Rice, Sheriff	Serving orders of Relicts for Comm^rs	24.32
" Wm S. Elwell	paid for keeping Elm Tree on Court Square	13.00
" Philo A. Wilcox	tin ware &c for Court House & Jail	14.00
" Hunt & Baker	Work & Materials at Jail	45.45
" Messrs Cooley	Making Bracket for Jail	7.11
" Theodore Lowry	Making 8 Spur Levers for do	2.00
" C. A. Seamans	Surveying High St Sheyd	5.00
" Draper & Bailey	Blankets &c for Jail	17.00
" Clerks Hire Com^r	Services to Oct 1. 1841	10.00
" Wm H. Butler	Surveying route for roads in East Ward	1.50
" Thomas Powers	Services attending Courts & taking care of Court House &c	31.25
" Noah Clark	Underkeeper of Jail one Month	20.83
" Nick Wisp	Services as Clerk, 2 days	26.31

Oct 7. 1841 All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this Meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Nick^s Wisp Clerk

Dec 1841

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun & holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty one being the twenty eighth day of said month, and from day to day to the 31st day of said December, and by adjournment to the first day of February 1842.

By

Patrick Boise Esq. Chairman
Cyprus Knox Esq. } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde Esq.

Lewis Fowler et al for a Road in Westfield

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of Southwick and Westfield in said County respectfully represent, that the highway from Westfield Green, to the top of Thunder Bolt Hill is inconvenient to the public, and that the public convenience and necessity require the location of a new public highway, beginning near the Green, between Wm L Bates house and Sheppard Sears, and running southerly to intersect Silver Street, between the houses of Alvan Fowler: Also to widen the highway from the house of James Dacy to the foot of Thunder-bolt Hill, where it is practicable lay a three rood wide said hill. They therefore pray that the same may be viewed, by your Hon Board and such alterations made and established, as the convenience of the public requires.

Dated at Westfield Dec 15. 1841.

Signed Lewis Fowler & 93 others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1841 & on the petitions aforesaid hereupon entered and a viewing had thereon, and a new view being now deemed expedient and proper it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of A. A. Parsons, in Westfield on Tuesday the 23d day of August next, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view; according to the prayer of said petition, and of a viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested thereon and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages &c. and ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Westfield Whig & Democrat a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the town Clerks of

Westfield and Southwick, each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. James H. Brooks, Chairman

And the petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1840 when the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 17. 1840 I served the Town Clerks of Southwick and Westfield each with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. G. Ely Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. August 25. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and by publishing a copy of said petition and the foregoing order of notice in a newspaper printed in said county according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in the aforesaid order of notice, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order of notice mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that a Road should be laid from some point near the Green between Morgan's Hotel and the house of Wm L. Bates, and running Southwesterly to a point in the road called Silver Street between the house of Moses Foster: And said Commissioners so adjudge in the premises, and do report accordingly.

All which is submitted.

James H. Brooks
Hilon Miles } County Comm'rs
John Ward

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of S. M. Parsons in Westfield on the first day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations

intended in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff & his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to P. Bois Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

Per Order of County Commissioners

Rich^d Bly^s, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this Term. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows. "Hampden ss. April 25. 1841. I Served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff."

And now at this meeting, the County Commissions make this Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. June 1. 1841 The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the return of the Sheriff, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed in said County as the law directs an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and stating the Time place and purpose of meeting; and also the manner of publication as is set forth in said order, and in said abstract so published as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said order and abstract mentioned, Patrick Boise, one of the County Commissioners being interested, as an inhabitant of the Town where said road is situate, did not act on said petition, and Marcus Conrose, a Special Commissioner having been duly sworn, appeared and acted therein; and the Board of Commissioners, thus constituted, proceeded to lay out and establish a Highway as follows, To wit, Beginning at a point in Court street, bearing N° 57° 30' W one and half rods from the Northwest corner of Martin Cowles' Store (which corner is the Eastern line of said road) to the centre of the road; then S. 32° 40' W 26.50 chains, to a stake, bearing N 54° 30' W. from the Northwest corner of Alvin Fowler's barn which corner is the East line of said Road; then S 31.30 W. 3.33 chains to Silver street. At this terminus a monument is placed on the East line of said road, bearing from centre N 71° E one and half rods. Said road is laid out three Rods

wide. and the line surveyed is the centre of the same

The owners of lands taken by the Road are allowed till the first day of November next time for removing timber wood and other materials claimed by them. After locating said road we read all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages who chose to be heard. And we applied damages to the persons and in the sums following to wit.

James Bowles	£ 15
Heirs of Dr Wm Shearer	8
Wm G Bates. home lot	40
" Depot Lot	20
James Brush	3
Henry Stiles	3
Hiram Bowles	12

And the Commissioners direct that the travelled path for said for said Road be made at twenty feet wide, and be crowning so to take the water from the same into the ditches; that the same be made and completed to the acceptance of the commissioners by the inhabitants of Westfield, by the first day of September 1842

The above report of location not accepted by the Commissioners December Meeting 1841.)

Cyrus Ames } Commissioners.
Forbes Tyler }
Marquis Converse } Special Comm.

Moses Ashley Jr. et al petition for alterations of Road in W Springfield

To the Hon County Commissioners of Hampden County Mass.

Your petitioners humbly shew, That the road between the house of E. Bradley, and the River Road at the Mineral Wells in West-Springfield, requires widening from the corner near the House of Earl Brooks, to said River Road it being now but two rods and that there is a necessity of alterations and amendment of the several bills between the said E Bradleys and the said Mineral Wells. We therefore pray your Honors to view and widen said Road. &c. as lay ones, the road from said Brooks corner to said River Road, and make such other alterations and amendments as your Honors may deem best for the necessity and convenience of the public

West Springfield June 5. 1838.

Signed Moses Ashley Jr. & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1838, and continued to the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June 1841 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of M. M. Fabrington in West-Springfield on the 17th day of June inst, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject

of damages. Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, That the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westspringfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof, with his doings, to E. Bates, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

By Order of said Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1841 And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. May 3d 1841 I served the Town Clerk of West-Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. June 17. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing Order, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in Springfield, and published in said County according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having received the same and heard all persons and Corporations interested in the subject matter of the same, who desired to be heard: the said Commissioners having continued the pendency of said petition till the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October in the Year eighteen hundred and forty-one, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted: that said Road be made wider in some places and that alterations, by the establishment of new roads, in some parts of the route, mentioned in said petition, and they do adjudge in

the premises, and accordingly submit their Report.

Sabrick Boise
Elijah Tinney
Forbes Hyde
} Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered was accepted and the allegations be adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting holden on the first Tuesday of Oct A.D. 1841 At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of E. Bradley in Wilbraham-pike on Friday the 19th day of November next, at 9 O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westspringfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in five public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy make due return thereof, with his doings to Rich[d] Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

By order of the Commissioners

Rich[d] Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the Commissioners, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 15. 1841 I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted in five public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance thereof, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. C. Rice Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners, make their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. November 19. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their Report accordingly; And having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and

purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of Law required in that behalf, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice; met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish certain alterations, and amendments in said road as follows, viz:

"Beginning on South side of said Road at a Stake, on land of Nathan Ely, 0.75 chains from the North side of the road and opposite the West line of the road leading to Payne's Mills, and then running S. 80° E. 22.50 ch's to the East side of the School House on Brush Hill Road, on land of said Ely. Then beginning at the East side Bush Hill Road, on the North side of said Road; and then S. 83° E. 0.54 ch's to a stake 7 links south of the S.E. corner of Widow Chapins' House; then same course, 10.04 ch's S. 80°.45 E. 9 ch's S. 79° E. 4.67 ch's to the top of the Hill, in a line with said N Ely's and Aaron Ashleys land; then S. 74°.15 E. 3.40 ch's to a stump S. 76° 15 E. 4.20 ch's S. 82°15 E. 2.90 ch's N. 89° E. 1.25 ch's N. 82° 45 E. 1.58 ch's N. 80° E. 12.12 ch's to the top of the Hill. N 67°15 E. 1.46 ch's N. 77° 30 E. 1.60 ch's S. 82°30 E. 1.29 ch's to a Chesnut Tree S 68°45 E 4.02 ch's N. 87° E. 15.25 ch's to a maple tree. N 89°45 E. 10.50 ch's to a stake at River road 0.10 chs South of the S.E. corner of the Store formerly occupied by E & E. Winchel. And after locating and establishing said alterations at parts of said road, the Commissioners heard all claims of damages by those who desired to be heard; and assessed damages as follows

To Nathan Ely for land, and moving fence, Ninety Dollars
" Widow Chapin, land and fence fourteen Dollars
" Moses Ashley, moving fence, Six Dollars Sixty cents
Aaron Ashley do fifteen Dollars.
William Ashley, land and fence, Eight dollars
Horace Smith, ninety five dollars

Said Road, where the same is laid out as an alteration on H. Smith land is three Rods wide, and the travelled path is to be constructed of eighteen feet in width; with drains of sufficient capacity to carry off the water, And the Commissioners order as the Gin repairs on said road, that Whistling Hill, so called be reduced two feet, and the hollow to be raised, with filling up with the dirt and gravel Also the Hill, near Widow Chapins, to be reduced, and the low ground filled up. And the owners of lands croped by said alterations in said location, are allowed till the first day of July next, to remove the timber and materials from the same

Submitted. Patrick Boise, Cyrus Knox, Forbes Kyle } Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted. And the said alterations established as and for a public Highway.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County at their meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841

Humbly shews the petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Westfield and its vicinity that the highway leading from the

E. Alterat'n Pet. for alter'n of Road from Nothing to Nor'

town of Southampton, by the house of Ezra Allen to the town in said Westfield, as in some parts of it, erected, and in other parts be worn. Your petitioners therefore pray, that you would forecast and make such alterations in such road as will make it of sufficient width and to alter the same by making such new road as may be necessary to make as short a road as may be expedient, and discontinue such part of the old road as may be unnecessary; and that you will direct such specific repairs in the existing highways as may be necessary

(Signed) Ezra Allen & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of A. M. Parsons in Westfield, on Wednesday the 18th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petitions, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested thereon; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Westfield, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to C. Davis, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

Per order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissions holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1841. And the Sheriff of the County, in pursuance of the above order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 19. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss August 13 1841 The Commissioners of the

County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also, by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, in three several newspapers printed in Springfield one of which was the Springfield Gazette, and published in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice, having met at the time and place appointed. Patrick Boise one of the Commissioners, being interested as a citizen of the town of Westfield in which said Road is situate, did not sit on the subject matter of said petition; and Lyzel Rockwell, having been summoned as Special Commissioner, appeared and acted thereon, and the board thus constituted, proceeded to view the places mentioned in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons, and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said petition, the said Commissioners were of opinion, that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted; that said road be made and established of greater width; that a portion of new road be laid out and established, and certain parts of the now travelled road be discontinued; And the Commissioners so adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their Report.

Cyrus King } Commissioners
Forbes Ryle }
Lyzel Rockwell Special Com.

At which meeting, it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of I. M. Parsons in Westfield on Wednesday the 17th day of November next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Co. a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said

Commissioners all or before the time of said meeting
By Order of the Commissioners
Richd Bliss. Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, "Hampden ss. Oct. 13. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting
C. Rice Sheriff."

And now at this meeting the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss November 17th. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their report accordingly; and having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden: and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order giving notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of Law required in that behalf, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice: Patrick Boise one of the Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which said road is situate, did not act in the proceedings of the board, and Uzal Rockwell, a special Commissioner having been summoned, appeared and acted in his stead. And the board of Commissioners, so constituted, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition proceeded to locate and establish the alterations and amendments as parts of said road, and to be established as a Highway as follows (to wit)

Beginning at a Stake on Nathaniel Barn's land, then N. 80° W. 0.75 chains from a double Chesnut tree marked, which is the East line of said road, and running S. 4° 30' W. 10.8 chs. to a stake; N. 80° W. 075 chs from a pine tree on the East line of the road: then S 13° 15. W 4.90 chs. to a stake, bearing north 69° 15 W of a clump of Oaks on the East line of the road; S. 24° W. 7.25 chs to a stake at S.E. corner of Almon Clapp's land, and on north side of the road leading to West Farms; S. 18° W 3.82 chs. to a stake, bearing S. 87° E 0.09 chs from the N.E. corner of Elijah Carrier's House; then S 11° 30 W. 38.86 chs. to a stake standing 0.02 chs East of Ezra Allen's Horse barn; then S. 4° 45 W 54.10 chs to South side of Israel Sackett's fence; then on the

same course, 7.90 ch^s to said Sackets south line; then on the same course, across said E. Allen's lot And on said petition the Commissioners established an alteration on Clay hill, so called, by widening the now travelled road on the East side thereof: beginning at a maple Staddle, marked, and running S. 46° W. 460 ch^s to an Oak tree marked, Said alterations hereby established, are within the town of Westfield, and to be made, and the road thus altered, to be Kept in repair by the inhabitants of said Westfield. And after locating and establishing the alterations hereinbefore mentioned, as a part of said Road, the Commissioners agreable to notice, proceeded to hear all persons and corporations making claims for damages and apriped damages as follows (to wit)

To Nathaniel Barns, four dollars and fifty five cents
Quartus Clapp four dollars and five cents
Joseph Ranger three dollars
Almon Clapp two dollars and fifty cents
Thomas Carrier Eight dollars and seventy five cents
Elijah Carrier ten Dollars thirty seven cents
Ezra Allen Sixteen Dollars and fifty cents
Rainsford Root four dollars and seven cents
Israel Sackett twenty two dollars

And no other damages were apeped. Till the first day of July next, were allowed for the owners of land to remove timber and other materials from said road. Said road is to be raised by throwing up from the sides so that the travelled Path shall be twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches. And in Clayhill Shires are to be made to carry off the water, and the same to be brought down to an elevation of not more than three degrees. The Centre of the travelled path, on said Clay hill to be carried further East, and the hill reduced by drawing dirt and gravel from the top thereof. The whole road to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of September next. All which is submitted.

Cyprus Wright } Commrs
Forbes Kyle }
Uzal Rockwell Special Comm^r

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road and alterations established and fixed for a public Highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden — I. Ely &c at Pet for Road in Springfield

The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield and West Springfield in said County, and South Hadley in the County of Hampshire Respectfully Represent That a new High way of four rods in length at or near the Northwest corner of Springfield aforesaid and wholly within that town, to extend from low water mark on the East bank of Connecticut river Eastwardly to the road leading from the village at South Hadley-Canal to Springfield, is much wanted To accommodate the Ferry there and the public generally Whereas they pray, That such new High way may be adjudged

to be of common convenience and necessity, and laid out and established according to law.

Springfield June 11th 1841.

(Signed) Josiah Ely, Jr Cotton

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of John L. Bishop at South Hadley Canal, on Tuesday the 17th day of August next, at 1 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after hearing, to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, Serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, of Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to C. Davis Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Per Order of said Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows,

Hampden ss. July 14. 1841. I served the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office, and also posted up in two public places, in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. C. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting, the Commissioners made this Report in writing as follows,

Hampden ss. August 17. 1841. The County Commissioners of Hampden County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the

foregoing Order stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in Springfield and published in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; having met at the time and place appointed, proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said petition; the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that location and establishment of a Highway as prayed for in said petition; and they so adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Root } Commissioners
Phebes Fyle

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And at said meeting of the Commissioners it was Ordered That said Commissioners meet at the house of John I Bishop at South Hadley Canal on Saturday the 2d day of November next at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in ~~said~~ public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Rich[d] Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners
Rich[d] Bliss. Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting of the Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as followeth.

Hampden ss Oct. 18. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made

their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. November 2d. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and completed their Report, accordingly: and having again given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden: and also, by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of law required in that behalf, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice; having met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish as a common Highway, a road, at the landing of the Swing ferry in Springfield, and near South Hadley Canal, to wit,

Beginning on the East Bank of Connecticut River, at low water mark, on the North side of the brook running into said river; thence North 28° East, sixteen Rods, to the Swing Ferry guide post, on the High way leading from South Hadley Canal to Springfield; then North on said highway. 13° West, two rods to a stake; then W. 26° S. eight rods to the bank of the River; then on the bank of the river to the place of beginning. Said enclosed piece of land is hereby laid out to be used as a common Highway, to be made and Kept in repair by the inhabitants of Springfield And after locating said Highway, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons and Corporations, claiming damages, agreable to previous notice, who desired to be heard: And damages were assessed.

To Corey C. Smith of twenty five Dollars, he being the only person whose land was taken for said road. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } Commissioners
Silas Hyde }

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public Highway.

S. Ward &c Pet for a Road in Palmer.

To the Hon the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Palmer. That the Turnpike Road, leading from Sedgwick's Bridge, so called, in the Southwesterly part of Palmer, to Warren line, by way of the center of the Town of said Palmer, is in many places,

same and windows and very much out of repair and that public convenience requires that certain alterations and thorough repairs should be made on said road. Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable board will view said road and make such location alterations and order such repairs as You, in your wisdom may deem that the public good requires

Palmer June 12. 1841 Reynolds John Ward & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1841. at which meeting it was ordered, that said commissioners meet at the House of Stenger & Dewey in Palmer on Thursday the 12th day of August next, at 11 o'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town of Palmer, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to L. Boice, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

Per order of said Commissioners

Richd Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abel & Billings in Palmer, on Wednesday the 10th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be

At which Meeting it was adjudged that common convenience & necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, agly the Report on file.

fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Rich^d Bliss the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the said Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 9. 1841. I served the town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of this petition and order of Notice thereon, by leaving the same at his usual place of abode, and also posted up in two public places, in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

At which last mentiond meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. November 11.^th 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required, that the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their Report accordingly; and having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law required in that behalf, and as is described in said Return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice. Cyrus Knox one of the Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the Town of Palmer, in which said Road is situate, Marquis Converse, a special Commissioner, having been summoned, appeared and acted in his stead: And the Board of Commissioners, so constituted, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, on the eleventh day of November, aforesaid, proceeded to locate and establish as a common Highway, the Road heretofore used and improved by the First Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, as a Turnpike, commencing at Hedgerick's Bridge so called, in Palmer,

and extending to the line of the town of Warren in the County of Worcester as the same was laid out for the use of said corporation: the said corporation relinquishing their franchise in said turnpike by request of the Officers thereof; and the said turnpike being established as an highway by consent of the Inhabitants of Palmer, with the exception hereinafter of that part of said turnpike where an alteration was made and established by said Commissioners on the prayer of said petition; which said part of said turnpike was ordered by the Commissioners to be discontinued. And said Commissioners laid out and established an alteration in said road as follows; to wit. Beginning at a point on said turnpike, on the South side thereof South East of the house of Clark McMasters at the west maple tree; then E. 23° N. forty eight rods; E. 42° N. twenty four Rods; E. 44° N. twenty two rods and fifteen links, to O. M. Wards land; then N. 28° E. twenty one Rods, eleven links, to Rev Samuel Backus' land; then N. 15° E. thirty and half rods to Moses Barns land; then N. 16° E. eleven rods and nine links; then N. 25° E. eleven Rods, till it intersects said turnpike, including thirty rods of said Barns land. Said courses and distances are taken on the South East side of said Road, and the same is laid three rods wide. And after locating and establishing said alteration as a part of said Road, the Commissioners, agreeable to notice, proceeded to hear all persons and Corporations claiming damages, and assessed damages in the sums and to the persons as follows

Clark McMaster, One Hundred twenty four Dollars
O. M. Ward, fifty Dollars,
Rev Samuel Backus, seventy five Dollars
Moses Barns, twenty five Dollars,

And the Commissioners order and direct that the Road hereby established as a highway, and formerly used as a turnpike, be put in good and sufficient repair, by the Inhabitants of Palmer, and the same to be kept in repair by them hereafter, as a Highway; And in the construction of the road hereby laid out as an alteration, and located as a part of said Highway, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made twenty feet wide, exclusive of Ditches. Said road to be raised sufficiently crowning to carry water from the same into the ditches: that sluices be formed of stone and of capacity to carry off the water; also, that the Inhabitants of Palmer cause a dry Bridge to be builded on land of said McMaster for the passage of his cattle, and the convenience of pasturage in such place as will best accommodate him. Said sluices are to be made twenty two feet in length and to be covered with dirt or gravel to the height of not less than one foot; The whole to be made in a good and substantial manner, and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first of July next. And the Commissioners order, as specific repairs on the old road, that a bridge be built over the brook near said McMasters twenty four feet in length,

to be raised of sufficient height, and covered and that the knowle of land West of said bridge be brought down and levelled. All which is submitted

Patrick Boise
Forbes Hyde
Marquis Converse. Special Commis.

which Report being read and considered, is amended, and the alterations established as and for a public highway.

Menzo N. Dewey et al Pet for a Road in Palmer.

Hampden ss. To the County Commissioners within and for said County.

The petition of the subscribers, humbly represent, that in their opinion the public convenience and necessity require, that a new road be constructed, commencing near the depot of the Rail Road in Palmer; thence in a southerly direction across Chicopee River until it intersects the road leading to Monson Meeting House, at such a point as shall be judged most for the public good by said Commissioners. We therefore pray, that a view may be had and that such other measures may be adopted, as shall be necessary to carry the prayer of said petition into effect; and as in duty bound will ever pray.

April 7. 1841. Menzo N. Dewey & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Menzo N. Dewey in Palmer, on Thursday the 12th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. And, ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Palmer and Monson with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns of Palmer and Monson, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to S. Boise, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Per Order of said Commissioners

Attest Bliss, Clerk

Said this petition was continued to the meeting of the Com-

missioners, holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Monson ss. July 13. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Palmer Monson each with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual place of abode, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. August 12. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, in three several Newspapers printed in Springfield, one of which was the Springfield Republican and published in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; having met at the time and place appointed, Lyman Kney, one of the Commissioners being interested as a citizen of the town of Palmer did not act on the subject matter of said petition, and Marquis Converse, a special Commissioner, being summoned to act, appeared and acted on the same; and the board thus constituted proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said petition, the said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a Road leading from the Rail Road Depot in Palmer, to the Highway near the house of Charles L. Day, and running from thence to the meeting house in Monson, be laid out and established; and they so adjudge in the premises; and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boise } Commissioners
Peter Kyle }
Marquis Converse, Special Comm.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Elnathan Billings in Palmer on Wednesday the 10th day of November, next, at 9 Oclock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons

and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Palmer and Monson with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to Rich[d] Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By Order of said Commissioners

Rich[d] Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 9. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Monson and Palmer each, with an attested copy of the petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their usual place of abode, and also posted up, in two public places, in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. November 12. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition for the road therein mentioned, of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their oath accordingly, and having again given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and the foregoing order giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf required, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice, Cyrus Dart, one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the Town of Palmer, in which a part of said Road is situate, did not act, and Marquis Converse a Special Commissioner of said County having been summoned, for that purpose appeared and acted in his stead. And the Board of Commissioners, so constituted, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, on the twelfth day

of said November, proceeded to locate and establish as a common Highway a Road, situate partly in Monson and partly in Palmer, as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the Road leading North from the meeting House in Monson, a few rods East of Charles P. Fay's house, at a stake on the wall; then North 13½ W. 14 R. to a stake; N. 4° W. 18 R. N 2° W 11½ R.; N. 16° E. 28 R.; N. 19° E. 25 R.; N. 12° E. 64 R.; N 21° E. 18 R.; N. 32° E. 11⁸/₂₅ R, over C P. Fay's land, to Jonathan Shaw's land; then N. 21° E. 14 R.; N. 20° E. 13 R.; N. 21½ E. 31 R.; N. 21 E. 13 R. to G. Merrick's land; then N. 21° E. 8 R. to a stake; N. 28° E. 29 R.; N 20° E. 19⁵/₂₅ R.; N 16½ E. 12½ R. to corner of Wall; then N 4° E. 19⁴/₂₅ R. to north west corner Merrick's barn; then N 12° E. 6 R. to a Stake; N. 27½° E. 31½ R. to highway. Same course 2³/₂₅ rods to land of F. Morgan; then N. 21¼ E. 33 R. to a stake; N. 3° E. 14½ R.; N. 4° W. 25 R.; N. 11° W. 29⁴/₂₅ R. to Spruce tree by Morgans House; then N. 9° W 19½ R. to a stake; then N 16½° W. 30 rods; then N 13½° W. 27½ R. to a stake; N 15° W 11½ R.; N. 3½° E. 12 R.; N. 10½° E. 15⁵/₂₅ R.; E. 45 N. 9⁴/₂₅ R. to Chicopee River; then crossing the river at the fording place; and from River bank E. 44° N 40 R to the Western Rail road at a stake a little west of Rail Road buildings at the depot in Palmer. Said road is laid three rods wide through Monson to the River, and from River to Rail Road two and half rods; And the courses are taken on the East line of the same. And after locating said road, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all claims for damages according to previous notice; and all persons who desired to be heard and made their assessment of damages as follows.

To Chas P. Fay, two hundred dollars, subject to such deductions as may hereafter be made;
" Jonathan Shaw, fifty dollars.
" John Watson, twenty five dollars.

In the construction of said road, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made Eighteen feet wide; that the ditches be made of sufficient capacity for the drain of water and thouroughly cleared; that the road be made sufficiently crowning; that the sluices be made of Stone, and twenty feet in length; that the bridge to be built acrop the river be made eighteen feet wide in the clear; the wall of the abutments to be laid in the banks of the river Six feet for the foundation, and to be carried to the height of the bridge; a pier of stone, or a trussel to be made in the centre of the bridge; and the plank or floating of the bridge to be laid lengthways; that a dry bridge be constructed on the north side of the river in Palmer, twenty feet wide, and twenty four feet in length, to carry off the water; that the same be made with stone abutments and raised to sufficient height to be above high water, and that the road to be constructed on the North side of the river be raised to high water mark. The owners of land over which said road passes are to have as

time for clearing off thier timber and other materials till the first day of July next. Said Road and bridges to be made and completed to the acceptance of the commissioners by the first day of October next. And the commissioners allow from the county the sum of four hundred dollars, to be appropriated from the county for the construction of said bridges, to be equally divided between the towns of Monson and Palmer

All which is Submitted

Patrick Boyce
Forbes Kyle } Commissioners

Marquis Converse, Special Comm.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road established as and for a public highway.—

In Baldwin &c Pet. for Road from Wilbraham to R R. Depot.

To the Hon the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the subscribers, inhabitants of said County respectfully represents: That the road from John Baldwin's in Wilbraham to the Rail Road Depot in Palmer, is circuitous and hilly, and in many places is very much out of repair. They therefore ask your Honorable body, forthwith, to view the same, and order such repairs, and make such alteration in said road, as the public convenience may require.

May 15. 1841. Signed John Baldwin & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1841. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Monroe N. Dewey in Palmer, on Thursday the 12th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Palmer and Monson and Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Palmer Monson, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to C. Boyce Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before

the time of said meeting.

Per order of said Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A.D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows,

Hampden ss. July 13th 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Palmer, Monson and Wilbraham, each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual place of abode, and posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. August 12, 1841. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in three Newspapers, one of which was the Springfield Republican, printed in Springfield, and published in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; Cyrus Knox, one of the Commissioners of said County, being interested as a Citizen of the town of Palmer, in which said road is situate, Marquis Converse, a Special Commissioner, having been Summoned to appear and act in the premises, attended and acted with the other Commissioners who proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested, who desired to be heard upon the matter of said petition; the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted; that a Highway be laid out where the Turnpike now runs, and that certain alterations from the present Travelled road, and that specific repairs be ordered on said road; and the Commissioners so adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit this report.

Patrick Boise } Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }
Marquis Converse Special Com.

which Report being read and Considered is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners Meet at the House of Merel's Billings in Palmer on Wednesday the 10th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and

corporations interested when the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town clerks of Wilbraham Palmer & Monson, each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Richd Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was Continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 9. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Wilbraham, Palmer and Monson, each with an attested Copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual places of abode; and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice. Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. November 16th 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that the public convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy be granted, and having made their report thereon; and having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the Copy of said petition and of the foregoing order, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting of said Commissioners on said petition, and under said order, in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law, required in that behalf, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as is mentioned in said order of notice; having met, agreeably to said notice, at the time and place therein required, Cyrus Knox, one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the town of Palmer, in which a part of said road is situate, Marquis Converse a Special Commissioner, having been summoned to appear and act in his stead, did attend accordingly. And the Board of Commissioners, so constituted, proceeded to view the premises for the

purpose of Establishing the alterations and ordering the repairs as prayed for in said petition. And having met according to notice previously given as aforesaid; the Commissioners then proceeded to locate and establish the road from John Baldwins in Wilbraham to Palmer Depot on the Rail Road as a common Highway; and all that part of the road heretofore occupied and used by the first Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation by consent and request of the Officers of said Corporation the franchise was relinquished and by the consent of the inhabitants of the Towns of Wilbraham and Palmer, the said Turnpike road was Established by said Commissioners as a Highway through the said towns so far as the same had been used and occupied as a Turnpike as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners further proceeded to establish an alteration in said road as follows.

Beginning at a Stake on the north side of said road on land of John Baldwins in Wilbraham, seven rods and half West of Twelve Mile brook; from thence East 19° S. 7 and half rods to the west bank of said brook; thence the same course across the brook to the East bank; thence to Butler's land the same course seven rods to a Stake; thence East 12° South eight rods and six links to the road; thence the same course across the road six rods to land of Pynchon Bliss; thence the same course seven rods to a Stake; thence E. 16½° South fifteen rods and fifteen links to a Stake on the South side of the road. And the Commissioners order and direct that the road in said alteration so established be made by the inhabitants of Wilbraham twenty feet in width for the travelled path; and that the bridge to be constructed across Twelve Mile Brook be made Eighteen feet wide in the clear, and that the whole be done to the acceptance of the Commissioners. And the Commissioners further order as Specific repairs in said road, that a good and sufficient railing be made on the North line of the road near Chicopee River on the Bugway East of Glovers house. Also the hill near Jesse P. Bliss' house to be brought down to a suitable grade; also the hill East of Chauncey Kilbourn's, and east of Arnold Thayers in the town of Wilbraham to be reduced to a grade of three degrees at most, by the inhabitants of Wilbraham; and that the hills near Doct. Shearers and near Thayers in the town of Palmer, be reduced, and the same in ascent not to exceed three degrees. The whole road from said John Baldwin's house to the Depot in Palmer to be made, with the alterations and repairs herein ordered, by the first day of July next by the Inhabitants of Wilbraham and Palmer, so far as said Turnpike and said repairs ordered are respectively situated in said towns, and so far as said alterations, in said road are established. The said Commissioners having given notice for the hearing in damages to all persons and corporations interested, and have assessed damages,

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To Butler 5 Dollars
" Jesse P. Bliss. 15 Dollars.
All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Robert Ryle } Commissioners
Marquis Comstock Special Commis:

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as and for a Public Highway.-

Order. Com. Ordered, that Patrick Boise and Newman Morton be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

The following accounts were presented and allowed, and Ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz

To Elijah Estabrook Board & Jail	
" Bryant, Bliss & Co Candles for County	4.71
" D. Pelshey & Co. advertising	111.111
" Geo W. Callender, Indg & Binding Records &c	42.30
" Wm H. Butler. Surveying	24.01
" Hunt & Baker work and materials Jail &c	10.00
" Franklin Coath. Building Court House &c	69.93
" Stevens Sanborn work & materials	201.75
" Draper & Bailey, Shelving, &c Jail	7.46
" H. C. Merriam, Paper, Quills &c	4.37
" Paton & Hart, paints, Jail	23.15
" Clothing &c for Jail	5.25
" A Chas Brown "	12.50
" J. Brown & Co. Glass, Nails &c	1.00
" C. Barker, work at Jail	5.05
" J. Johnson Surveying for Commis:	1.25
" L. Wright 1 day attend Jail of Coroners &c	3.50
" C. Terry advertising,	3.00
" C. Parker "	2.00
" Reynolds & Morris, Blankets &c Jail	3.00
" Hyer Smith Stove, hose, &c Court House & Jail	16.75
" North Star Board of Wm Blair	20.51
" Wm Stowe, advertising	12.11
" Samuel Boulter do Printing	42.50
" J. King Clerk, Bridge at Paterson	76.00
" Middle Commissioners 3 days surveying	3.30
" C. Terry towell & matches Surveyor	2.00
" Bible Society Bibles for Jail	2.87
" Desk & Bookcase for Register Room	5.25
" A. Jones Bill &c for Inquest on E. Freeman	18.00
" W. H. Richardson printing Order of Notice	17.30
" W. H. Festa Coroner for Inquisition. P. Brown	3.50
" Revd Bliss Cash paid Sunday Bills. Certificate of Order of Notice, &c &c	13.38
" A. Parsons Jailer Care of Prisoners &c	61.86
	38.71

, William Rice's Acct of Costs Criminal prosecutions 1840.
June T. 1841 One third of which paid by the County is } 27.83
, Sent of Costs in the October Term } 1089.03
One third of which is paid by the County is } 363.01.
, Caleb Rice Service on Commrs Order and Levy Proclamation 22.21.

Hampden ss February 1st 1842. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this Meeting is adjourned without day
Attest Rick. Bliss. Clerk.

April 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the twelfth day of said month, and from day to day to fifteenth day of said April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

By Patrick Boise Esq. Chairman.
Cyrus Kingsley Esq } County Commrs.
Forbes Ryle Esq }

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden. A Remonstrance
The undersigned subscribers, severally and jointly, re-spectfully pe-tition to Com.
Your Honorable Board, that you would grant us a Jury on location and damages, should we not be able to agree on a committee. The petition refers to a Road located by your respected board, leading from Warren line, near John Brown's, to Burnfield meeting house
Burnfield Oct. 4. 1841
Ahmed Howes
A. W. & H. D. Briggs.
Thomas Bliss.
Lyman Briggs

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden ss. To John Hills, Morrison Hamilton and Josiah Abbott, all freeholders within said County, and disinterested persons Greeting
Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of Febr. in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and

forty two, and from day to day to the seventh day of said month, Alured Horner, A.M. & H.D. Griggs, Thomas Bliss and Lyman Griggs, preferred their petetion requesting that a jury might be granted to assess their damages, should they not be able to agree on a committee incurred by the location of the road leading from Warren line, near John Brooks to Brimfield meeting house, At which said meeting the said petitioners appeared and agreed with the county commissioners whom John Mills, Alanson Hamilton and Ichiel Abbott, as a Committee to estimate said damages. It is thereupon ordered by the County commissioners that you John Mills, Alanson Hamilton and Ichiel Abbott be a committee to view the premises, and you are to be sworn faithfully and impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said petitioners, And you are to give due notice to the said Alured Horner, A.M. & H.D. Griggs, Thomas Bliss and Lyman Griggs of the time and place of your meeting, to view the premises, and attend said service. The County not having appointed an agent to appear before you, requires no notice, And you are to make return of your doings herein, under your hands and seals, to the Court of Common Pleas, which shall be holden in said County next after you shall have completed your service. By Order of the County Commissioners

Rich^{d} Bliss. Clerk

Hampden ss November 22. 1811. Personally Appeared the within named John Mills, Alanson Hamilton and Ichiel Abbott and made Oath that in the performance of their duties required of them by the within warrant, they would act faithfully and impartially according to their best skill and Judgment Before Patrick Boise. Just Peace

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, the subscribers were appointed a Committee on the petition of Alured Horner and others, to estimate the damages sustained by said petitioners in the location of the Road leading from Warren line near John Brooks to Brimfield meeting House, and to make such alterations in the location of said road, as they should think necessary to propose. In pursuance of said appointment, the Committee gave due notice to the petitioners of the time and place of their meeting, and on the twenty second day of November current, they met the petitioners at the house of to Brimfield agreeably to the appointment aforesaid. All of the petitioners were present. The Committee having been sworn to the faithful discharge of the duty assigned them, proceeded to examine the premises, and after hearing the petitioners and the agent of the County, on the subject, have made the following alteration in the location of said road by the County Commissioners to wit. Beginning at a stake and stones, two rods and two links South 47° west

from the nearest point of a large rock near Alured Homer's Meadow; thence South 1½° West twenty seven rods; thence South 14½° west ten rods and twelve links; thence South 22° west fifteen rods; thence South 25½° West sixteen rods and thirteen links; thence South, 28½° west Eleven rods and five links; thence South 37° west eighteen rods and seven links; thence South 29½° West, seventeen rods, five rods southeasterly from a large Walnut tree, and Seventeen rods on the line of survey from the old road. The road to be three rods wide and the line surveyed is the centre of the same. And we have estimated the damages severally sustained by the petitioners as follows, to wit.

Syman Griggs. Two Hundred and sixteen Dollars
Wm H. D Griggs Two hundred and thirty two dollars.
Thomas Blis. Three hundred and fourteen dollars.
Alured Homer Five hundred and two dollars.

The petitioners requested the committee to make the following alteration in the location made by the County Commissioners to wit. Commencing at the old road on said location, at the place where said location crosses the same southerly of John Prouty's House; thence upon said old road and upon land of said Alured Homer and said Thomas Blis, on the most convenient place, and taping the Northerly side of said Thomas Blis' house to said old road thence on said old road, about one hundred and twenty rods, to the southern termination of said Commissioners location on said old road near the dwelling house of Syman Griggs. Said alteration as prayed for by said petitioners is wholly upon said old road, or the land of said Homer and Blis. The Committee refused to receive any evidence as to the propriety of said proposed alteration as the alteration would, in their opinion, be the laying out of a new road, and not an alteration as contemplated in the Statute in the location of the County Commissioners

The legal costs of the petitioners in presenting their case to the Committee, amounted to the sum of Eighteen Dollars and eighty seven cents as appears by the bill of cost herewith transmitted. The Committee have allowed the sum of one dollar to Wm Solomon Homer 2d for his services as a Surveyer The Committee have received from the petitioners Sixty seven Dollars and twenty five cents for their services and expenses in performing the duty assigned them.

Witness our hands and seals at Bernardston, this twenty fourth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

John Mills [seal]
Josiah Abbott [seal]
Hanson Hamilton [seal]

Remember ys. Court of Common Pleas. Feb 2. 1842 Jewetty that the above Report was returned to the Court of Common Pleas at this term, and adjudicated upon by the Court, and accepted and ordered to be returned to the County Commissioners

Attest Richd Bliss Clerk

To Rogers &c Pet for a Road thro' Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of Springfield represent that a new road or highway in said town is necessary for their better accommodation and convenience; and that the public would be greatly benefitted thereby. Said road to commence near the house of Thomas Rogers on Walnut Street, to run in a Southwesterly direction to a point on Centre Street, a few rods Northeasterly of the Homestead of Henry Stearns and your petitioners pray the Commissioners to view and establish said road accordingly.

Springfield December 1841.

Signed Thomas Rogers & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the 5th day of February next. at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, & after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an attested copy of said petition, fourteen days days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Deputy Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return, as follows.

Hampden ss January 5. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also

posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

Noah Clark, Dft Sheff.

& which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampton ss. February 2. 1842. The County Commissioners of the said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a Copy in manner as is set forth in the above Return of Noah Clark a Deputy Sheriff in said County, and also by publishing in the Independent Democrat a Newspaper published in said County a copy of said petition and of the order hereto annexed, as the law directs, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as is fully set forth and required in said order: met at the time and place mentioned therein, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition: and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of said petition who desired to be heard, and maturely considered the subject matter thereof; the said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a road be laid out and established, agreeably to the prayer thereof. And no person interested appearing to object to the establishment of the road prayed for in said petition, and the Commissioners not being made acquainted with any objection thereto, at the same time proceeded to lay out and establish a Highway as follows: Beginning on the westerly side of Walnut Street, at a Stake standing S. 52° E. 5 Rods and 18 links from the Southeasterly corner of Albert Runnells Dwelling House: also S. 31½ W. 3 rods and 5½ links from the Southwesterly corner of Lucius C Allens house; and N. 19° W. 3 rods and 24 links from the northeasterly corner of Thomas Rogers house; thence from said Stake S 49½° W. 64 rods and 21 links to a small shrub Oak in an old ditch, marked; thence S 59° W. 22 rods and 16 links crossing Pine Street to a mark on the division fence between the Sterns and the Ames lots; thence S 79° W. 28 rods 14 links, following the general course of said division fence to Central Street. Said road is laid three rods wide and the Courses are on the Northerly side of said road. And after locating said road, the Commissioners heard all persons on claims for damages who desired to be heard, and awarded damages to the persons and in the sums as follows.

To Thomas Rogers	12	Dollars
" J. W. Crooks	15	"
" Asher C. Moore	5	"
" David Ames	30	"
" George A. Cooley	5	"
" Samuel E. Sewall	5	"

The Barn of Thomas Rogers, on the Southerly side of said Road is reserved for his use, and to be suffered to remain where it is so long as the building shall stand, and during the pleasure of said Rogers; also the trees growing near his house for shade, are to remain undisturbed by the making of said road. In the Construction of said Road the travelled Path is to be made twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches and the ditches and sluices to be of sufficient capacity to carry off the water that may run on and near said road. And the crossings of other Roads are to be so constructed as not to injure the same. The said road is to be made and Completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the first day of November next. And the owners of lands are allowed till the first day of August next, to remove timber and other materials belonging to them, and which they have a right to remove. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde

which Report being read and considered, is accepted; and the Road established as and for a public Highway.

Adams — Ezekiel Adams is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in the Village of Chicopee Falls

Allen — Amas Allen is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in Ireland Parish W. Springfield

Beebe — Elizabeth Beebe is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by her in Southwick, with authority to sell Wine, beer, ale, Cider, or any other fermented liquor

Beard & Son — Andrew Beard & Son are licensed as Common Victuallers and Sellers of small beer, and Hay & Grain, in the House occupied by Knowlton & Moore the last Year, at Thorndike Village, so Called.

Calkins
Turner
Morse & Billings
Dewey. — To the County Commissioners

Abel Calkins, Elias Turner, Moses Billings, Moses & Dewey, all of Palmer, have severally applied to the Selectmen of said town for their approbation as Taverners and Common Victuallers and Sellers of Spirituous and fermented liquors in their respective Houses and places of dwelling in said Town, now kept by the said Calkins at Three Rivers, said Turner in the centre of the town and said Moses & Billings and said Dewey near the Palmer Depot. And the said Selectmen unreasonably neglected and refused said approbation. Wherefore your petitioners are aggrieved and request a license as Taverners &c respectively and Sellers of Spirituous and fermented liquors, in their respective Houses

They have notified a majority of said Selectmen.

that they should apply to your Board for a license to
April 12. 1802

Abel Calkins
Elias Turner
John Morel for
Morel & Billings
Monroe N. Dewey, by Abel Calkins.

which petition being read and considered, is granted, with authority to sell wine, beer, ale, Cider, or any other fermented liquors.

Jedyca Bonney is licensed as an Innholder at the House occupied by him on the Hill in Springfield. — Bonney

John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Westbraham. — Baldwin

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden — Rowe

The Subscriber respectfully represents to this Court, that for the past six months he has kept the Mansion House situate on State Street in Springfield on Strictly temperance principles; that he applied to the Selectmen of said Springfield for a full license as an Innholder which they unreasonably refused. After having given twenty four hours notice to a majority of said Selectmen of this his intention, he now asks of said Court to grant him license as an Innholder to sell wine, beer, ale, Cider and any other fermented liquor. believing that the public good requires that such license should be granted. And as in duty bound would pray.

Levi Rowe.

Which petition being read and considered, is granted, Provided the Bowling Alley near the premises be removed.

Elias Corbin is licensed as an Innholder at the Stand he now occupies in Westspringfield. — Corbin

Dimond Cotton is licensed as an Innholder, with authority to sell wine beer, ale Cider, or any other fermented liquor at his house in Longmeadow. — Cotton.

Eli & Brooks are licensed as Innholders at their house in East Longmeadow. — Brooks

Thomas S. Chaffee is licensed as an Innkeeper, at the House called the Blandford Coffee House, in the town of Blandford. — Chaffee.

Chester Crafts is licensed as an Innholder at his Home in the town of Westspringfield. — Crafts.

Hampden ss. Court of County Commissioners, second Tuesday of April A.D. 1802 — Chapin

To the Honorable County Commissioners for said County.

1842

Chapin — Daniel M. Chapin of Springfield, in said County, respectfully represents, that the public good requires, that he should be licensed as a common Victualler. Therefore he prays your honorable body to license him to exercise the business of a common Victualler in the village of Cabotville in said Springfield

Springfield. April 13. 1842 — Daniel M Chapin

By his attorney. Thomas Rogers.

which petition being read and considered is granted.- without authority to sell Spirituous liquors, wine, beer, ale & Cider.

M. Chapin — Marvin Chapin is Licensed as an Innkeeper, at his House in the village of Cabotville.

Fuller — Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innkeeper at his dwelling House in the town of Wilbraham

J Fuller — To the County Commissioners

Jerusha Fuller of Sudlow applied to the Selectmen of said town for their approbation as a Tavern, &c. at her House in Sudlow, now Kept by her, and is Several years past; but the Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant such approbation; Wherefore your petitioner prays that a license may be granted her as a Tavern and Common Victualler, and Sale of fermented and Spirituous liquors. She has notified the Selectmen of her intention to apply to your board for such license, as will appear by their certificate below

Sudlow April 12. 1842 — Jerusha Fuller

By her attorney Simeon Pease

which petition being read and considered, is granted; with authority to sell Wine, beer, ale, Cider, or any other fermented liquor

Goodrich — John Goodrich is licensed as an Innholder, at his house on Main Street in the town of Springfield

Gunn — Henry Gunn is Licensed as an Innholder at the Five Mile House in the town of Springfield

Glazier — To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at a Court to be Holden by them the 13th day of April. 1842

The petitioner undersigned, respectfully Shows, to your Honorable Board, that the public good requires, that the tavern known by the name of the Mansion House, near the village of Chicopee Falls, should be licensed as a Tavern House, and your petitioner prays that he may be licensed to keep the same, by your Honorable Board, with all the rights and privileges usually granted to tavern Keepers. Your petitioner further Shows, that he has made application to the Selectmen in the town of Springfield for approbation, which they unreasonably refused to grant, and that he has given them notice of this application Silvester Glazier

Springfield April 12. 1842.

which petition being read and considered is granted, with leave to sell Wine, beer, ale, cider & other fermented liquors

Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder, at his house in the town of Russell — Hawley

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at a Court to be holden this twelfth day of April 1842. — Hayden

The undersigned petitioner respectfully shows that the public good requires that the Tavern house called the Southville Hotel in the Town of Ludlow should be licensed as a Tavern or Inn: and your petitioner prays, that he may be licensed by your Honorable Board, to keep the same with all the rights and privileges usually granted to Tavern Keepers. Your petitioner further shows that he has made application to the Selectmen in the town of Ludlow for approbation, which they have unreasonably refused to grant.
Springfield April 12. 1842. Ashley Hayden
which petition being read and considered is granted, with leave to sell wine, beer, ale, and cider, and other fermented liquors.

Cornelius Miller is licensed as an Innholder at his public house in the town of Wales. — Miller

Elisha Kinney is licensed as an Innholder at his house a few rods west of the Snelling house in the town of Holland, with authority to sell wine, beer, ale, cider & other fermented liquor. — Kinney

William Miller is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Cabotville, Springfield — Miller

Amos Nevers is licensed as an Innholder at the House now occupied by him in Monson with authority to sell wine, beer, ale, cider or any other fermented liquor. — Nevers

Edwin B. Perkins is licensed as an Innholder at the Stand he now occupies in Westfield — Perkins

Olcott Pendleton is licensed as an Innkeeper at his House at Hillimansett in the town of Springfield — Pendleton

Edmund Shepard is licensed as a common victualler in the basement story of Sues Building, Westfield, without authority to sell Spirituous liquors. — Shepard

Jonathan Steel is licensed as an Innholder at the Worthington House, in the town of Springfield. — Steele

Henry Hocking is licensed as an Innholder at the House occupied by him on the Hill in the town of Springfield — Hocking

Talmadge — M M Talmadge is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in Westspringfield

Tracy — Avery Tracy is licensed as an Innkeeper at the House he now occupies in Blandford.

Warriner — Jeremy Warriner is licensed as an Innholder at his House on Main Street Springfield

Tuckers — E. F. & A. Tucker are licensed as Innholders at the House now occupied by them, in the town of Springfield

Woolcutt 2d — Noah Woolcut 2d is licensed as an Innkeeper and Common Victualler at his Stand in Westspringfield

Kimberly — Ezra Kimberly is licensed as an Innholder at his House at the Upper Water Mills in the town of Springfield.

Chapman — Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder at his House in the town of Westfield with authority to sell wine, beer, ale & cider & any other fermented liquor

Loomis — Simeon Loomis is licensed as an Innkeeper at the House he now occupies in Westfield, with authority to sell wine, beer, ale, cider & any other fermented liquors.

Parsons — Israel M. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in Westfield, with authority to sell wine, beer, ale & cider & any other fermented liquors.

Taylor — Joseph Taylor is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Westfield, with authority to sell wine, beer, ale, cider & any other fermented liquors

Johnson — Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder, at his House in Westfield, near the Depot, with authority to sell wine, beer, ale, cider, & any other fermented liquor.

Cooley 2d — Timothy M. Cooley 2d is licensed as an Innholder at his Dwelling House in Granville.

Clark — Frances Clark is licensed as an Innholder at the Dwelling House occupied by him in Granville.

Phelps — Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder at the House occupied by him in Southwick

A. P. Chapin — At the Hampden Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at a Court ordered by them on the twelfth day of April, 1842.

The undersigned petitioners Respectfully shew, that the

public good require that the Eleven Rods across the Springfield road
in the town of Brimfield, should be laid out as a Town, and your petitioners
pray that it may be laid out by your honorable Court & that the
same with all the rights and privileges usually granted to Towns
before. Your petitioners further pray, that the time & manner of election
in the selectment of said Town, and in appropriation, which they
have unnecessarily agreed to grant.

A. C. Chapin.

Which petition being read and considered, is not granted.

Ebenezer Russell Simeon Fenton & Henry Brewer are appointed Court Sqrs
to Commissioners on Court Square in place of Philip Withey & others

Town Votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted Treasurer
it appears that the whole number of votes was Three Thousand
six Hundred and forty five necessary for a choice Eighteen
Hundred & twenty three. William Rice had two thousand and
four, and was declared by the County Commissioners Chosen,
and he appears and is sworn into said office & gives bonds to the
acceptance of said Commissioners.

The following accounts were presented, and allowed Accounts.
and Ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz

C. G. Rice Lead & Lead pipe	111. 40
O. A. Seamans, running Street on petition of 2 Regulars	3.00
H. R. Cailly Error 20 — 10 — Bill 10	
Cook & Goodwin Boards	.31
Moses Parsons landing Court &c.	45.39
Lucy Blodget, Surveying road in Brimfield	4.00
Nath & Newton, Cushions for chairs &c	2.25
E. & Russell Carrying Town on Record Book	1.00
C. Hillyer, Exchange of Stone Mr Rice	3.00
A. Munn advertising	6.50
Draper & Bailey Sundries for Jail	17.04
Rich. Bigl. Entries, Copies &c. &	34.01
C. Rice, Distributing 60 proclamations	4.80
Noah Clark Undertaker of Jail up to 1st May Ap. 1842	722.46

In conformity to a resolve of the General Court Tax
passed on the first — day of March A.D. 1842 granting a
Tax of Thirteen Thousand & four Hundred Dollars for the County
of Hampden: the same is apportioned upon the several towns in s.
said County in manner following viz

Blandford	527.41
Brimfield	672.84
Chester	340.71
Granville	393.13
Holland	149.96

Longmeadow	453.03
Ludlow	482 98
Monson	819. 95
Montgomery	138.53
Palmer	594.83
Russell	175 67
Southwick	393 13
Springfield	4065. 85
Tolland	222.90
Wales	194.60
Westfield	1324.31
West Springfield	1231. 80
Wilbraham	516.65
	$13401.40

And warrants were issued, dated the thirtieth day of April A.D. 1862, directed to the Selectmen & Assessors of the several Towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective Towns, and requiring their respective Collectors as Constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice Esq. County Treasurer & his successor in office, on the last day of August next ensuing, as the law directs.

Hampden ss April 15th 1862. No matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Reck Bliss, Clerk.

June 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a Meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the Fourth Tuesday of June, being the Twenty Eighth day of said month, and from day to day to the second day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

By Patrick Boise Esq Chairman
" Cyrus Knowl. Esq } County Commissioners
" Forbes Hyde Esq }

L. Collins et al Petition for alteration in road in Blandford

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of Chester, Blandford, and vicinity, respectfully represent, that the road leading from Chester Village to Blandford Meeting House, is very narrow, crooked and much out of repair, and that the public would be greatly benefited by certain improvements and alterations in said road, within the limits of the town of Blandford

Wherefor your petitioners pray that the Commissioners to view the premises as soon as may be, and make such alterations, improvements and specific repairs as may be deemed necessary for the public convenience

Blandford August 1838

Signed Lewis Collins & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1838, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now this petition is dismissed

Wm Mitchell et al Pet for Road from Blandford to Chester.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

We the subscribers, inhabitants of Blandford and Chester, respectfully represent, that the public convenience and necessity require that a new County road be laid from the main road leading from Blandford to Becket between the curve of the road near the house of Abijah B Piney, and the house of Abner Gibbs, to the Turnpike road near the dwelling house of Samuel Sanderson in Chester, or if it shall be thought expedient to lay two roads one to run Northerly from near said Piney's, to run the house of Wm Mitchell, and the other to run on or near the Town Road, leading to the house of Alfred Smith, and intersect the road prayed for, below the house of said Mitchell. We therefor pray that your Honors will view, lay out and establish said Road or roads, or such of them as may be judged necessary.

December 12th. 1838

Signed Wm Mitchell & others

The foregoing petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A.D. 1838 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now this petition is dismissed.

J. Osborn et al Pet. for alt'n in roads in Blandford

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

We the Subscribers respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require that alterations should be made in the roads leading from the center of Blandford to East and West Granville. They therefore pray that the Commissioners would view said roads and locate and establish a new one, commencing nearly opposite the house of Chipman Wheaton, and diverging so as to intersect both of the roads leading to those places, at such points as may be considered best; and that they would make such further alterations in them, within the limits of said town, as may be thought expedient, and we would also pray that such parts of said roads as may be deemed unnecessary by the alterations prayed for, may be discontinued.

Blandford, December, 1838.

Signed James Osborn & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield in the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A.D. 1838, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now this petition is dismissed.

C. Crafts et al Pet. for Road in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The undersigned, inhabitants of W. Springfield and the vicinity, respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires a new road or considerable alterations and repairs in certain old roads from Springfield Bridge to Northampton, cropping the mountain at some point Southerly of Mount Tom. They therefore request your board to view and lay out and establish such new road, and make such alterations in the existing roads, as in your opinion shall be deemed expedient

June 20. 1839.

Signed Chester Crafts & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1839. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

T. Burnham et al Pet. for road in W. Springfield

To the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent, that the old County road in West Springfield

leading from near the house occupied by Martin Chapin, and to the Mountain to East Hampton line is crooked and hilly; that certain alterations in said road would be a great public convenience, and that, by commencing near the House of Brow Stead, and running a Northwesterly direction until it intersects to old road, would avoid much hills. We therefore pray that the Honorable Commissioners vite view said road and make such alterations as may be thought just, and conducive to the public good

West Springfield October 2. 1837.

Signed Theodore Dwinham & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1837. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

B. Jenks &c Pet. for Road in Ludlow

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

We subscribers, inhabitants of Ludlow and vicinity, respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires a more direct communication between Springfield and Belchertown, by the way of Stills Bridge in Ludlow: that a feasible route for a road running Northerly from near the house of Wm Ray, and passing near the houses of Solomon Dawn and Abner Eddy and others, in said Ludlow, to the line of the town of said Belchertown, has been examined, and your petitioners believe said route to be in every respect, practicable for such communication; and that by opening a Highway upon or near said route there will be a Saving of several miles travel to the public

Your petitioners, therefore, pray, that Commissioners, to view the premises, make such alterations in the old road, and lock out and establish such prices of new road, upon or near the route abovementioned, as in your opinion the public convenience and necessity shall require

Signed Benj Jenks & others.

Ludlow Sept. 2. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1839, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

S. Pearson &c Pet for a Road

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

We the subscribers, would hereby represent to in Ludlow, your honorable board, that there is a public Highway

leading from the centre of Belchertown in a southwesterly direction to the South line of Belchertown, near the dwelling House of Solomon B. Howard, and there is no public road or Highway continued from said line in any direction, in the town of Ludlow; yet of necessity there is a travelled path over the lands of individuals from said South line of Belchertown about two miles before reaching any public laid out road. Your petitioners would represent, that a public Highway is much needed from said South line of Belchertown through Ludlow in a Southwesterly direction, till it strikes the County road, leading from Fuller's Tavern to Potts Bridge. We therefore pray your Honorable body to view said route, from the South line of Belchertown in some convenient place, in a Southwesty direction towards Potts Bridge, and lay out a road where no road is now located, and make such alterations, and order such specific repairs on the road leading from Fuller's Tavern in Ludlow to Potts Bridge, as may seem needful and expedient

Signed Samuel Parsons & others

Ludlow, Oct. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1839, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

J. C. Dudley et al Petr. for alteration in Road in Westfield

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Gentlemen The undersigned respectfully represent that some portion of the Highway between the house of Asa Heywood 2nd and Benj. Ford in Westfield, in the town of Southampton, is difficult to travel, on account of the hills, and expensive to keep in repair, by reason of their steepness, and that an alteration may be made by laying a portion of it further Westward, so as to avoid the hills, and as your petitioners believe without increasing the distance. Therefore we pray you to view the route, and the alterations proposed, and make such alterations as the public necessity and convenience require; and also to discontinue so much of the present Highway, as will in consequence become unnecessary.

Westfield, Nov. 1839

Signed Joseph C. Dudley & others.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the Fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1840, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed

E. Sumbard et al Pet. for Road in Brimfield

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned hereby represent, that a new Town

a County way is needed from the Factory Village in the East part of Brimfield (so from near Osborns Tavern) to run a Westerly direction, until it intersects with the road recently built from Holland to Brimfield, near where Mills & Tarbells land unite. They therefore pray that your Hon Board would forthwith view and lay out said Road, or such parts thereof, as you shall think it expedient, and as in duty bound would ever pray.

Brimfield Oct. 4. 1840

Signed Elijah Sumbard & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Brimfield on the fourth Tuesday of October A. D. 1840 and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners on the same day A.D. 1840 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of L. D. Browning in Brimfield on Wednesday the 26th day of February next. at 9. O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested shall be to the damage and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Patt, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an Abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks. Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1841. and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

"Hampden ss. June 8th 1841 I have served the Town Clerk of Brimfield, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode. I also posted up in two public places in said Town, an Abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

E. Rice. Sheriff."

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows;

Hampden ss. June 10th. 1841. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post, published weekly in said County, according to the provisions in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice; and said petition having been continued from time to time, met at the House of Joseph D. Browning in Brimfield on the tenth day of June, in the Year Eighteen Hundred and forty one, and having viewed the premises described in said petition, and heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who desired to be heard upon the subject matter thereof, the said Commissioners are of opinion that convenient Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition, as to a part of the way mentioned in said petition be granted, and they so adjudge in the premises and submit this Report accordingly

Patrick Boyce } County Commissioners

And this Petition was continued to the Meeting holden on the second Tuesday of April last, at which said meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. D. Browning in Brimfield on Wednesday the 5th day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear all persons and Corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in five public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings thereon, to the Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners
Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows:

Hampden ss. May 3. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of-

Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows,

Hampden ss. June 8. 1842. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition as to part of the way therein described of the which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their Report accordingly, and having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition in manner and as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of the County of Hampden, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the Copy of said petition containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed and published in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf required, and as described in said return of the Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish as a common highway, a road in Brimfield as follows: to wit. Beginning one and half rods North of the north west corner of Elijah Sumbards barn, thence running on the south side of said road. E 22° S. twenty three rods to Stonebridge. E. 29° S. 8 rods – S. 40° E. 10½ rods – S. 44½° E. 14½ rods – E. 22° S 13½ rods – E 12° N 7 rods – E. 31° N. 4 rods to an Oak staddle – N. 41° E. 10 rods – N. 35° E 6 rods 10 links – On Lorin Clark's land, N. 22° E. 26 rods – N. 24° E. 16 rods 15 links – N. 33½° E. 10 rods 9 links – N. 27° E 12½ rods – On Harvey Sombard's land. N. 39° E. 33 rods 13 links – N. 21° E 71 rods 7 links – N. 26½° E. 20 rods 5 links – On Samuel Sumbard's land N. 26½° E 15 rods. N. 26° E. 10 rods – On Harvey Sombards land N 26° E. 9 rods – On Samuel Sombards N. 42½ E 11 rods – N 45° E 10 rods – N 60½° E. 12 rods – N. 72½° E 3 rods 7 links – E. 3° S. 9 rods – E 15° S 2 rods 10 links – E. 25½° S. 6 rods. E 1° N. 3 rods 15 links, to the North East corner of S. Sumbard's barn – E. 20° N. 39 rods 18 links – On Erastus Sombard's land. E 20° N. 15 rods to Sturbridge road. Said road is laid three rods wide. After locating and establishing the road as aforesaid, the Commissioners agreeably to notice previously given, proceeded to hear all persons and Corporations claiming damages, who desired to be heard, and who made claim for damages by reason of the laying out of said road, and they assessed damages to the persons, and in the sums following.

To Sorin Clark forty five Dollars. 45.00
" Harvey Lombard forty Dollars 40.
" Cracides Lombard Seventy Dollars 70.
" Silas Ten Dollars 10.

On the construction of said road, to be made by the inhabitants of Brimfield, the commissioners order that the bridges shall be well made, Sixteen feet wide, exclusive of Ditches; that proper Sluices be made of capacity sufficient to carry off the water; that a good bridge near Sebe. Lombards house be constructed of wood or Stone, so high as to be above freshets and the highest rise of water; that the Stone and rocks be taken from the bed of the road, and cleared from the ditches; and the whole made to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first July. 1843. Owners of lands may have till the first day of December next, Stone to remove timber and other property.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Forbes Pyle }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road established as and for a public Highway.

T. S. Wade et al Petition for Road in Montgomery.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Subscribers respectfully represent, That the public convenience requires that a new road be laid in the Town of Montgomery, in said County, to meet a new road staged for in the County of Hampshire, from Northampton to the north line of said Montgomery; commencing at or near the Cowbridge, so called, in said Montgomery, and terminating at such point on the north line of said Montgomery, as may meet the terminus of said road from Northampton. Your petitioners therefore request you to view said route, and lay said road

Signed Thomas S. Wade & others.

October 27. 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

J. Baldwin &c Petition for alterations in Road in Springfield & Wilbraham

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represent, the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham, that the road leading from the Five Mile Stone in Springfield, so called, to the Ten Mile Stone in Wilbraham, so called, is, in many places, narrow and circuitous, and that public convenience requires that certain alterations therein should be made.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that you will view

said road, and make such alterations as the public good requires
Signed John Baldwin & others.

October 1840.
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1840, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

S. Session's rd. Petition for alterations of Road in Millbraham &c

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
We, the subscribers, Respectfully represent, that the road leading from the house of Capt Aaron Warren, in the town of Millbraham, to the U.S. Armory, in the town of Springfield, passing the Upper Watershops, is in some places hilly, in other places narrow, and in bad condition. We therefore pray that your Board would forthwith, view the same, and order such repairs, and make such alterations in said road as the public convenience may require
Millbraham April 13. 1841
Signed Sumner Sessions & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the Second Tuesday of April, A.D. 1841 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of John McCrory in Millbraham on the 25th day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Millbraham, Springfield and Longmeadow, each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to R. Dwight, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting
Per Order of said Commissioners
Rich[d] Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows;

Hampden ss. April 24. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Milbraham, Springfield and Longmeadow, each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving each a copy, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. May 25. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time place and purpose of meeting, in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in Springfield and published in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; having met at the time and place appointed, proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard, on the subject matter of said petition; the said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that Specific Repairs be made at Markham Hill, so called, and that alterations may be made in said road near the Water Shops in Springfield for the convenience and accommodation of the public; and they do adjudicate in the premises, and accordingly submit their Report.

Patrick Boffer
Cyrus Tinoy } Commissioners
Forbes Kyle

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Repairs and alterations are established as and for a public Highway

1. Chase et al Petition for a Road in Springfield

To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden Mass.

The undersigned inhabitants of the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require that a new Highway should be laid out from near the house of William Chapin in Chicopee Street, to intersect the old County road that leads by Dennis Chapins, and repair and straighten said old road, to the present travelled road, near Alis Skeles House. The present travelled road through Chicopee Street is very circuitous and some seasons of the year it is very clayey and soft, so as to

renders it almost impassible, and the great increase of travel that will probably be occasioned by the new improvements now making in South-Hadley on the same route from Springfield to Northampton, will render it very necessary that this new road should be established immediately which will shorten the Road about 180 rods in the distance of 1720 rods, and the location will be on a ridge of ground every way calculated to make a dry and permanent road, with but very little expense. Wherefore Your petitioners pray, that after due proceedings your Honorable Board will lay out and Establish said Highway.

Signed John Chase & others.

Springfield May 3 1841

The foregoing petition was intered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now the Commissioners order that this petition be dismissed.

N. Chapman Petition for reassessment of Damages

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Your petitioner would respectfully represent, that in the alteration of the County road in the town of Montgomery by the Commissioners on the petition of David Allyn and others, about one acre of land was taken, belonging to your petitioner, and a great number of select and valuable fruit trees were destroyed, and your petitioner has been compelled to make about seventy rods of new fence, and is otherwise greatly incommoded and damaged in and about his premises by the altering of said road; that the Commissioners in assessing damages, have allowed him but Sixty Dollars: a sum, as your petitioner thinks, bearing no just proportion to the amount of injury done him: and he asks that such further allowance may be made him as is just and reasonable.

Montgomery. July 5th 1841.

Signed Nathan Chapman.

The foregoing petition was intended a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841 ~~adjourned~~ on the 6th day of July A.D. 1841 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. August 20 1841 The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given to the said Chapman a further hearing on the subject of damages, have allowed to him the sum of forty eight Dollars in addition to the amount before assessed to him as mentioned in the above application

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Bird
Holes Kyle
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered is accepted

T. B. Avery Pet for further allowance pd

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Your petitioner begs leave to State, that the alteration of the County road in Montgomery as made and established by the Commissioners on the petitions of David Allyn and others cropes land of your petitioner, taking about three fourths of an acre of land, on which were many large and valuable Apple trees, and your petitioner is subjected to the making of about fifty rods of new fence, by the laying of said road; that the Commissioners, in apesing damages, have awarded him but Twenty Dollars, a sum not equal to the expense of making the fence. Your petitioner is not satisfied with the doings of the Commissioners in the matter of his damages, and requests that your Honorable Board would make such further allowance as shall appear just and reasonable

Signed Thomas B. Avery

Montgomery June 21. 1841

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss October y. 1841. The County Commissioners on a hearing of the within application, have assessed to said Avery the sum of Twenty Seven Dollars, in addition to Twenty Dollars heretofore assessed, making in the whole forty seven Dollars in full of said damages

P. Boise
Cyrus Avery } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

J. Dowlen et al Pet. for Road in Westfield

The subscribers request the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden to locate and establish a road from bent street in said Westfield, West of the House of Wm S. Bates to Hunter's Bridge in said Westfield, and thence across County Road to Southwick James Dowlen & another

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841 at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of S. M. Parsons in Westfield on Monday the 23d day of August next, at 2 O'clock in the afternoon for that purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the Road prayed for: provided any person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a

copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon thirty days at least; and post up in five public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff, or his Deputy make return hereof, with his doings, to P. Bruce, Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

Per order of the Commissioners

Richd. Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden on the Second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842 And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 19. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in five public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows. Hampden ss. August 23. 1841. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a Copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time and place and purpose of the meeting, in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice. Patrick Bruce, Chairman of the Commissioners, being interested as a citizen of the Town of Westfield, in which said road is situate, did not act on said petition. And Uzal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner, was Summoned to act thereon; and the Board of Commissioners, thus organized, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and Corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter thereof, the said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and do adjudge in the prem=

ners, and accordingly submit their Report.

Cyrus Knox
Orbes Ryle
Uzal Rockwell } Commissioners

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of D. M. Parsons in Westfield, on Monday the 30th day of May inst, at 2 oclock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meetings. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to S. Boise, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. April 26. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. May 30. 1842. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their Report, accordingly, and having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners, in the

Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law, required in that behalf, and as is described in said return of the Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice. Caleb Bates, Chairman of the Commissioners, being interested in the subject matter of said petition, as an inhabitant of Westfield, in which said road is situate, Lyal Beckwith, a Special Commission ers duly appointed to act as one of the board of Commissioners, and the Board so organized, and at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish a Road to be made and used as a Common Highway, in said Westfield, described as follows, (to wit)

Beginning at Court Street, at a point in the middle or centre of the road, bearing N. 68° 45 W. 0.98 chains from the South West corner of Wm G. Bates House, and running in the centre line, S. 21° 15 W. 2.46 ch^s. on said Wm G. Bates land — 6.28 ch^s. on land of Elijah Bates — 0.36 ch^s. on land of said Wm G. Bates — 2.54 ch^s. on land belonging to the Estate of D. Ja^s. Holland, deceased, 3.14 ch^s. on land of Henry Stites, and 13.57 ch^s. on land of Alvan Fowler to a point in Silver Street, bearing S. 84° 30 W. 0.92 ch^s. from the South West corner of Alvan Fowler's dwelling House, making the whole distance 28.35 ch^s. or 113 4/100 rods. And after locating and establishing a road in manner aforesaid, the said Commissioners, agreable to notice previously given, proceeded to hear all persons and corporations, who desired to be heard, and who made claim for damages, by reason of locating said Road. And they assessed damages to the persons, and in the sums as follows to wit:

To William G. Bates, two hundred and fifty Dollars.
" Elijah Bates, one hundred and thirty five Dollars.
" Henry Stites Ten Dollars.
" Alvan Fowler, one Hundred and twentyfive Dollars.
" Heirs of Dan^l. James Holland Twenty five Dollars.

Said road is laid three rods wide. In the construction of the aforesaid road, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made twenty four feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and for this purpose, that the ground be taken twenty eight feet in width; that the travelled path be made gradually crowning to the centre; and that the centre of said road be raised at least two feet higher than the ditches; that the ditches be thoroughly cleared, and of uniform grade and level; that the sluices be made of sufficient capacity to carry off all the water that falls upon the road in transit, or that in any manner comes into the ditches; that said sluices be bound with Stone or Hewn timber, and at least Twenty six feet in length; that whenever necessary to construct a bridge, it shall be twentysix feet in length, and covered with hewn timber; that in the low grounds in Bates land, and Alvan Fowlers, gravel of sufficient depth be spread upon the road by casting or otherwise, so that the road shall be dry and secured from mud. The

owners of lands, are permitted to remove timber, trees, and other property from the land occupied by said road, and are allowed till the first day of October next, for that purpose. Said road is to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of November next. All which is submitted.

Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners
Stiles Ryle }
Elijah Rockwell Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted. And the Road established as laid for a Public Highway—

Town of Monson Petition for a Jury.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The Town of Monson being aggrieved by the doings of the Commissioners in relation to the laying of a Highway from near Charles R. Days in Monson, to near the Depot in the Town of Palmer, in said County, do hereby apply for a Jury, or to agree upon a Committee, to discontinue or alter the location of said Highway, as by law made and provided in such cases. By a vote of the said Town of Monson, we the subscribers were directed to apply to your Honorable body for the above purpose.

Joseph L. Reynolds } Selectmen of Monson
Hiram Newton }

Monson April 12th. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the Second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842. and continued to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

E. Ashley & al Petition for Road in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Whereas Jared P. Scott & others have presented a petition for a new road, to be laid out from the County road, leading from Morley's bridge to Northampton, to the road leading across the Mountain from West Springfield to Northampton, and in said petition have exhausted the way prayed for to certain narrow and inconvenient limits. Your petitioners, therefore, represent, that if public convenience and necessity require a road to be laid in that vicinity, it should be taken from near the house of Elisha Ashley South Brook, to the road leading from Southampton to Westspringfield, near the angle thereof, not far from the house of S. Sandiston, or from some other point on said road leading from Morley's Bridge to Northampton between Rodwell Bennet barn, and the said road from Southampton and West Springfield, across to said last mentioned road to some point therein. They therefore pray, that a view and such other proceedings may be had in the premises, as the law requires

Elisha Ashley & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners at Springfield, on the Second Tuesday of April A. D. 1842 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of E. M. Parsons in Westfield on Tuesday the 31st day of May next, at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield and West Springfield each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to E. Rice Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss April 26 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and on the 31st day of said April I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also hasted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss May 31. 1842 The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the

time place and purposes of the meeting in a newspaper called the Springfield Republican, printed and published in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, in such case made and provided and required in said order of notice. Calvin Bates, Chairman of the Commissioners, being an inhabitant of Westfield, where a part of the Road prayed for in said petition is situate, and so interested in the same, did not act on said petition. Lyal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner, being duly sworn, affirmed and acted therein; and the Commissioners thus organized, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises and heard the parties and Corporations duly decided to be heard on the subject matter of said petition, are of the opinion that Common convenience and necessity do not require that said road mentioned in said petition be laid out and established, and they accordingly determine that no further proceedings be had in the premises: and that said petition be dismissed, with costs against the petitioners: and accordingly submit their Report.

Lyman Root }
Forbes Hyde } County Commissioners

which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

O. Parks et al Pet. to Dis. a Road in Montgomery

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers Selectmen of Montgomery, humbly represent that the old County Road from Walter Chapmans to Westfield line, is not needed for the public travel, and that the Town has voted in open Town meeting, that the road be discontinued. We, therefore, humbly ask that You will proceed as soon as convenient, to view the same, and discontinue so much of said Road as you may think is not needed for the Public, as in duty bound, &c.

Asem Parks & others. } Selectmen of Montgomery

Montgomery April 11, 1842.

The foregoing petition was ordered at a meeting of the Commissioners at Springfield, on the Second Tuesday of April A D 1842. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Rising Moon in Montgomery on Thursday the 2d day of June next, at 2 oclock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after giving to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the road; provided no person interested objects to the same. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said

County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, ten at least containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to C. Bristol, the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of said order, made his return as followeth.

Hampden ss. May 2^{d} 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery, with an attested Copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his Dwelling House, and also posted up, in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made this Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. June 2. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting in a Newspaper called the Springfield Republican, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises, described in said petition, and having heard all persons and corporations who desired to be heard, on the subject matter of said petition, the said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and at the same time they do adjudicate in the premises. And after viewing and adjudicating upon the common convenience and necessity of discontinuing the Highway as prayed for in said petition and it appearing to them at the time of viewing the premises, that no person interested objected to the discontinuance of said Highway, nor to the Commissioners proceeding at that time to act further in the premises; the said Commissioners, thereupon proceeded to discontinue the said Highway, and ordered that the old County Road from Nathan

Chapmans House, in Montgomery, to the line of the Town of Westfield be henceforth discontinued, and that it shall no longer be required of the Inhabitants of Montgomery or any other persons or Corporations, to maintain or keep the same in repair, except so much of said road as is near the House of Peter Symmes, and south of the same, leading from the new and present travelled road to the Fuller road, so called, in a Westerly direction from said new road, to which said land is to remain for public use, and to be kept open and repaired as before. No person or Corporation appearing to claim damages by reason of the discontinuance of said Highway, no damages were assessed by the Commissioners. All which is submitted.

Patrick Doris }
Cyprus Ames } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted. And the Way Discontinued.

Kimberly & Co. — E. Kimberly & Co. are licensed as Retailers for medicinal purposes only at their Store in Mill Street, Springfield

Collins & Williams — Collins & Williams are licensed as Retailers at their Store in Chester Village, with authority to sell for medicinal mechanical and religious purposes only.

Bryant, Bliss & Co. — Bryant, Bliss & Co. are licensed as Retailers at their Store on Main Street, to sell for medicinal and manufacturing purposes only, Springfield

Upham & Ingraham — Upham & Ingraham are Licensed as Retailers to sell for medicinal and manufacturing purposes only, at their Store on the Hill, Springfield.

M. Chapin — Marvin Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at the House recently occupied by A. P. Chapin, Main Street, Springfield

E. S. Chapin — Ethan S. Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at the House formerly occupied by Marvin Chapin, Cabotville Springfield

H. Palmer — Henry Palmer is licensed as an Innholder, at his House in WestSpringfield

J. D. Browning Jr. — Joseph D. Browning Jr. is licensed as an Innholder with authority to sell Wine and fermented liquors only, at his house in Springfield

W. Lindsey — William Lindsey is licensed as an Innkeeper in the new House lately built by him in Ludlow (Indian Orchard) Village

Widow A. Collins is licensed as an Inn Keeper, to sell wine and unfermented liquors, at her Dwelling House in Chester Village — A. Collins

Richard Collins is licensed as a Retailer at the Store occupied by him in Cobalville, for medicinal and manufacturing purposes only. — R. Collins

The following accounts were presented and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz: — Accounts.

Harvey Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Philip Andrews, May 2. 1842. 3.32

Jurymen— C. L. Walker 2.21
Martin D. Graves 2.21
C. C. Hendee 1.37
Levin Hazelton 1.37
John L. Chapman 1.37
Levin Dutton 1.37
Witnesses John Bradbrook .55
Phillip Andrews Jr. .55
Sarah Andrews .55
Betsey Andrews .55
Lucinda Sampson .55
Constable— William Hatfield, Serv. Warrant &c 1.86

Jehiel Abbott, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Elias Bradley, Nov. 5. 1841. 3.00
" making Post Mort. Exam. 1.50

Jurymen— James Bishop 1.33
Charles Tinker 1.33
Henry Loomis 1.33
Henry Parks 1.33
Jabez Clark 1.33
John Dickinson 1.33
Witnesses Sharon Bradley .55
Julius Bradley .55
Margaret Hastings .55
Wealthy Hinton .55
Allen Bronson .55
Esther Brown .55
Francis Lewis .55
Miss Freeman .55
Constable— Allen Loomis Serv. Warrant &c. 2.55

Henry Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Jane Belcher, May 30. 1842 3.20

Jurymen— Davis M. Bryant 1.37
David Bemis 1.37
Sylvester Snyder 1.37
Elisha Adams 1.37
King Caldwell 1.37
Lester Dickinson 1.37

Witnesses— James L. Bryant,	.38
Nicolis G. Hall	.38
Charles Simmons	.38
Lydia Gleason	.38
Hannah Burrington	.38
Isadore Comstock	.38
Melvina Simmons	.38
Caleb L. Chapin	.38
Arthur W. Arthur	.38
Annis Chase	.38
Constable. A. Hubbard Serg. Warrant &c	2.18
" P. Boise, as Agent at Brimfield &c	10.00
" William Rice, Expenses to Boston &c	8.44
" Palmer & Clark, Sundries for Jail	10.34
" S. Webster, Brooms	1.00
" Wm H. Butler, as Surveyor	1.62
" Charles Stearns for Rent	1.70
" Caleb Rice, Sheriff. Serving Orders of Notice &c	11.15
" Richard Bliss, Clerk, Recording, &c	35.32
" Amasa Parsons, taking Care of Court House &c	25.50
" R. Dewey, Matches, &c	81.

Hampden ss. July 2d 1842. All matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest. Richd Bliss, Clerk.

Feb 1841

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. eighteen hundred and forty two, being the fourth day of said month and from day to day to the sixth day of said month.

By Patrick Boise, Esq. Chairman
" Cyprian Knox, Esq } County Commissioners -
" Forbes Hyde Esq }

Daby Blodget &c Petition for Road in Brimfield.

To the Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers inhabitants of Brimfield in said County, humbly respectfully Represent, that the public Convenience requires that a road be located in the Northwesterly part of said town, to commence near the house now occupied by Ammi Blodget; thence Northwesterly down the Valley of Penny Brook, in the most convenient place to the County Road near the House of Samuel Shaw Jr distance about two hundred & forty rods. We therefore respectfully request, your Honors to view said proposed route and make such location as you in your wisdom shall think proper

Signed Daby Blodget & others.

Brimfield Oct. 31. 1840

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1840 At which meeting it was Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of I. D. Browning in Brimfield, on Wednesday the 10th day of February next, at 9 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding, to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, on or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the

The proceedings under this petition were stayed by Order of Supreme Judicial Court on the Eastern circuit. Chas. Dunn, Clerk. Sept 1841.

County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1842 and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows,

Hampden ss. June 5. 1841. I served the town clerk of Brimfield, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode. I also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of holding said meeting.

E. Rice, Sheriff.—

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. June 7. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper called the Hampden Post, published weekly in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; and the consideration of said petition having been continued from time to time till the said seventh day of June aforesaid when the Commissioners, Cyrus Knox one of the Board being interested in the subject matter of said petition as the owner of land over which said road may be located; Uzal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner, was notified to attend, and did attend and act as one of the board, met and having viewed the premises described in said petition, and heard all persons and corporations who desired to be heard in the premises, were of opinion that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they be adjudged in the premises, and submit their Report accordingly

Patrick Boise }
Forbes Hyde } County Commissioners
Uzal Rockwell, Special Commissioner—

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Way adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And at said meeting, it was ordered That said Commissioners meet at the House of Lucy Blodget, in Brimfield, on Thursday the 18th day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the

Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows, Hampden ss. July 14. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his Dwelling house: And also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the commissioners made their Report in writing as follows. Hampden ss. August 18. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County endorsed hereon, and also having caused to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purposes of the meeting agreeable to said order in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Springfield Gazette, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having, at a former meeting, adjudged that Common convenience and necessity require that the Highway according to the prayer of said petition, be laid out; proceeded to locate and establish a Highway in the town of Brimfield, as follows (to wit)

Beginning at the County Road, near the Western Rail Road, at a Bridge near Lyman Shaw's land; thence on said Shaw's land, S 38½ E thirty one rods 18 links to a stake- E. 42° S. 13 R. 2 L.- S 33½° E. 8 R. 11 L to a rock- S 44° E. 5 R. 3 L. to a Hemlock Stadale- E. 31° S 6 R. to a Hemlock- E 29° S 4 R 17 L. to an Oak tree; E. 13° S. 8 R. 17 L. to a maple tree- E 9° S. 3 R. 7 L- E 31° S 5 R. 11 L- E 36° S 6. R 17 L- E. 25° S. 3 R. 15 L.- East to a birch tree on the bank of Penny Brook 6 R- E. 11° S. across the brook 6 r. 23 L- E. 33½° S. 8 r 16 L. across the said Brook again to a rock- E 16° S 7 R 13 L- E. 30° S. 20 R. 23 L.- E. 21° S. 8 R- S. 36° E. 10 R. 20 L- S 15° E. 7 r. 22 L- S 40° E. 6 R. 15 L.- E 33° S 11 R 7 L.- E 44° S 11 R 14 L- S. 39° E. 7 R 15 L. S 31° E. 8 R- S 13° E. 10 R 15 L- S 18½° E 4 R 20 L- S 27° E. 7 R. 16 L- S. 41° E. 13 R 16 L. to the road leading to Dady Blodget's House. And after locating the Highway as aforesaid, the commissioners proceeded to hear all persons claiming damages- and assessed damages as follows, to wit.

To Lyman Shaw 45.00

To Nancy Smith 7.00

The Commissioners direct, that the owners of land

remove timber and other materials thereon, by the first day of June next, and that said Road be made convenient for travelling with a travelled path fourteen feet wide, to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of October next. All which is submitted

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Knox
Forbes Kyle
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as a public Highway.

J. P. Searl's Petition for a Road in West Springfield West side of the Mountain.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned inhabitants of the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require, that a new road be laid out from the County Road leading from Morley's Bridge to Northampton commencing North of Roswell Owen's barn, on Westfield & running northeasterly near Jared P. Searl's west barn; from thence, in the same direction, near to a butternut tree standing in Elisha Ashley's Pasture; from thence to the County road leading across the mountain from WestSpringfield to North Amplon, near Sardis Winchell's. The undersigned pray your Honors, that a view of said route, may be had, and after viewing said route, if your Honors think proper, to lay out said Road.

WestSpringfield, March 29. 1841

(Signed) Jared P. Searle & others.

The foregoing Petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1841. at which Meeting it was ordered. That said Commissioners meet at the house of Jared P. Searle in WestSpringfield on Thursday the 19th day of August next at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of the petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; ~~provided~~ no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of WestSpringfield and Westfield, each with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said towns of WestSpringfield & Westfield, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the

the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to P. Boise Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners

Rich.d Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1842.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made this Return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 19. 1841. I served the town Clerks of the towns of Westfield & West Springfield, each, with an attested Copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to them respectively, and on the same day I posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice. Sheriff.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. August 10. 1841. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing Return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a Copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post, printed and published Weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice. Patrick Boise, Chairman of the Commissioners, being interested in said petition, as an Inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which a part of the Road described in said petition is situated, did not act in said petition; and Ursal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner being summoned for that purpose, appeared and acted in the premises. And the Commissioners, thus organized, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises, and heard all persons and Corporations, on the subject of said Petition, who desired to be heard, were of Opinion, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they so adjudge in the premises, and submit their report accordingly

Cyrus Knox } County Comm.rs
Forbes Ryle }
Ursal Rockwell, Special Commis.r

which Report, being read and considered, is accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of L. Chapman in Westfield on Thursday the 11th day of August next at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon,

for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerks of West-Springfield & Westfield each, with an attested copy of said petition and this Order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof, with his doings to the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By Order of said Commissioners.

Rec'd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 9. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfpringfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 12 day of July, 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

O. Piece, Sheriff

And now, at this meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss August 11. 1842. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriffs of the County aforesaid hereon endorsed by him, and also by causing to be published an abstract of said petition, together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Springfield Gazette, as set forth in said order, and as the law requires, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, — Patrick Boice, one of the Commissioners, an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which a part of the highway located is situate, and interested in said petition, did not act; and Uzal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner of said County, being notified, appeared and acted on said petition, and the Board thus constituted, proceeded to locate a High-

way as follows.

Beginning at the Northan termination at the centre of the road one and half rods S.E. from a maple tree, at the North corner of Aaron Ashley's lot, and running on said Ashley S. 45° 45' W. 4.50 Chains parallel to and with the S.W. side of the stone wall, which is the N.W. line of said road; then S. 41° W. 17.24 chs. on Aaron Ashley, and 0.17 chs on Elisha Ashley. At the end of this distance, three black Oak staddles, standing on the North west line of the road at the angle; then on said Elisha, S. 34° 15' W. 16.05 chs. to a large Chesnut, standing on the N.W line of the road. S. 38° 15' W. 5.00 chs. to opposite a birch tree, near a large spring; which tree bears from the centre of the road N. 51° 45' W. 0.44 chs; then S. 43° 30' W. 9.54 chs to Owen Burts land; then on said Burt 11.85 chs to a cross road, leading to Payne's Mills; then 0.50 chs. across said road to Owen Burts land; then on said Burts land 11.31 chs to Phelps Searls land; then on said Searles land 4.84 chs to a point bearing N. 88.30 W. one and half rods from the N.W corner of said Phelps Searle's barn; the said N.W. corner of the barn being S.E. side of said road at the angle; the whole distance on the above course being 38.04 chs; then S. 42° 15 W. 16.25. Chs on Phelps Searles land to the line of West Springfield and Westfield, at the North corner of Abijah Owen's lot; then on Roswell Owens land, 10.00 chs. to a point bearing S. 87. 15 W. one and half rods from the N.W. corner of Roswell Owen's stable, on the West side of the barn which is the southern termination; the distance of this last course is 26.25 chs. And after locating the High way as above described, the Commissioners, according to notice previously given, heard all persons claiming damages, and assessed damages in the sums hereafter named and to the persons following

To Elisha Ashley	180.00
" Aaron Ashley	125.00

Said Highway is laid three rods wide. In the construction of said Highway the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, inclusive of ditches; that convenient and spacious sluices be made twenty feet in length; that the owners of lands have time to remove timber and other materials, till the first day of June next; that Aaron Ashley have the right to make a dry bridge through said road, on his land. And the Commissioners order that said Road be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of October in the year 1843. All which is submitted and accepted.

Cyrus Knox } County Comm'rs
Forbes Kyle }
Uzal Rockwell, Special Com'r.

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as a High Way.

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A Owen 1 al's Petition for a Road in Westfield.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of the Towns of Westfield, Westfield and Easthampton, respectfully Represent that public convenience and necessity require that a new road be laid, leaving the road leading from Northampton to Morley's Bridge at or near the north side of a barn owned by Samuel Arnold and occupied by Justice Ritch, and running a Southwesterly course, near a Shanty owned by Daniel & Leonard Bush; thence a southwesterly course about twenty to thirty rods near the top of the main hill, and from thence a Southwesterly course Straight to intersect the road leading from Northampton to Westfield, at the top of Clay hill, so called. The undersigned pray, your Honors that a view may be had, and after viewing, if your Honors think proper, to lay said road.

Westfield, Sept. 26th 1841

(Signed) Elijah Owen & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on Thursday the 18th day of November next, at 9 O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested thereon; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Richard Bleps, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bleps. Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1842; and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 13. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the

substance of said petitions more than 14 days before the time of
said meeting.
C Rice Sheriff.
at which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writ=
ing, as follows, to wit.
"Hampden ss. November 18. 1841. The County Commission=
ers of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all
persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition
of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set
forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County,
and also by publishing a copy of said petition together
with the foregoing order, stating the time place and pur=
poses of the meeting in a Newspaper called the Hampden
Post, printed and published weekly in said County, accord=
ing to the provisions of law in that behalf provided; and
as is set forth and required in said Order of notice.
(Patrick Boise, Chairman of the Commissioners, being an
inhabitant of Westfield, in which the Road mentioned in
said petition is situated, and interested as such: Uzal
Rockwell, a Special Commissioner, was summoned to act
on said petition and appeared and acted as one of the
Board, and the Commissioners thus organized, and at
the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, &
having viewed the premises, and heard all persons and
Corporations on the subject of said petition, who desired to
be heard, are of opinion, that common convenience and
necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted,
and they do adjudge in the premises, and submit their
report accordingly.
Cyprus Kinsley } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde }
Uzal Rockwell, Special Commis:
Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and
the Way adjudged of Common convenience and necessity.
At which meeting it was ordered, That that said Com=
missioners meet at the house of L. Chapman in Westfield,
on Thursday the 12th day of August next, at 10 O'clock in the
forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according
to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear
all persons and corporations interested upon the Subject of
damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and
Corporations interested in said petition by publishing an
abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and
place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively
in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said
County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the time of said meeting. And it is further Or=
dered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy,
serve the Town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy
of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at
least; and post up in two public places in said

town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows

Hampden ss. July 12. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners, made this Report in writing as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. August 12. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of the said County, hereon endorsed by him, and also by causing to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, together with the order of notice made endorsed, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in a Newspaper published in said County, called the Springfield Gazette, and at the time and place mentioned in said order Sidney Bates, one of the Commissioners being interested as an Inhabitant of Westfield, where said Highway is prayed for did not act, and Isaac Rockwell, one of the Special Commissioners, was notified to appear and did appear and act in said petition, and the board, thus constituted, proceeded to locate and establish as an Highway, a Road, according to the survey as follows. Beginning at Clay Hill, the centre of the Road bearing N. 64° 45' E 3.20 chains from a stone between and near the junction of the roads leading from Westfield to Northampton and Cabotville, and running N. 64° 45' E. 101.50 chs - S 84° 30' E. 2.23 chs - S 89° 15' E. 1.23. chs - N. 75° 15' E. 1.20 Chs - N. 60 E 3.00 chs - N. 49° 45' E. 15.06. chs - N 44° 15 E 3.44 chs - N. 24° 30' E. 9.00. Chs - N 46° 45' E. 4.11 chs to Samuel Arnolds land; then on said Arnold N 58° E. 3.00 chs - N 19° E 2.22 chs. N 34° 30° E 6.40 chs - N 49° 30' E 1.86 chs - N 60° 30' E. 3.00 chs - N 72° 30' E. 1.82 chs - S 85° 30' E 3.30 chs - S 69° 30' E. 8.07 chs - S 87° E 1.50 chs - S 89° 30' E. 13.54 chs - S. 69° 30' E. 8.14 chs to the North Eastern termination bearing from the NE. corner of Samuel Arnold's barn N 88° E distant 0.96 chs: And after locating the above described road the Commissioners according to notice given heard all persons claiming damages and assessed damages to the persons and in the sums following.

To Caleb Williams	1.24	" Wadsworth Crockett	3.76
" William Noble	1.16	" Chas Kellogg	1.84
" Wm Dewey	7.44	" Unknown	1.48
" Seneca Dewey	5.80	" Simeon Smith	2.28
" Jay Moseley	3.20	" Truth Fowler	8.92
" Caleb King	1.92	" David Bush	100.00
" Mr Freemans law	1.08	" Samuel Arnold	184.00
" Lord Moseley	10.64		

The said Highway is laid out three rods wide; and in the construction of the road the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wides, exclusive of ditches. The owners of lands have time till the first day of June next, to remove timber and other materials thereon. And the Commissioners order that said road be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October 1842. All which is submitted and accepted.

Cyprus Moody } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }
Loyal Rockwell, Special Commis.

which Return being read and considered is accepted, and the way established as Highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, — Geo. M. Ives et al Petition for alterations in Road in Palmer & Monson

The undersigned inhabitants of the towns of Monson & Palmer respectfully represent, that the road leading from the Way Scales near Monson Meeting House, through the North Factory Village to Palmer Depot is circuitous, and some steep pitches which might be avoided by some little alteration in the location of the present travelled road, so that said road may be made nearly level: and from the amount of travel on said road, the public convenience requires it to be so altered and improved. We therefore pray your honors that a view may be had, and such alterations made, as the public good requires.

Monson, Nov 1. 1841

Signed Geo M Ives & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec A. D. 1841 and continued to the meeting holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842 At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Amos Morris in Monson, on Monday the 6th day of June next. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy

of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerks of Monson and Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to C. Bowe, the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Attest Elijah Cleveland Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1842. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made this return as follows.

Hampden ss. May 4. 1842. I served the Town Clerks of Palmer and Monson each, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. June 6. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of the County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place, and purposes of the meeting, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, Cyrus Moore, one of the Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Palmer in which a part of the road mentioned in said petition is situated, did not act thereon, and Uzal Rockwell, Special Commissioner, being summoned, appeared and acted as one of the Board; and the Board of Commissioners, thus organized, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises described in said petition, and having heard all persons and Corporations who desired to be heard on the subject matter thereof, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity, require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and

so adjourge in the premises, and submit this report accordingly.

Titus R. Boise
Silas Ryle } County Commissioners

Attest Rockwell, Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration and repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity. Whereupon it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Amos Marcy in Monson on Tuesday the 19th day of August inst. at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Monson & Palmer each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rec'd Bill's Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows. Hampden, ss. July 13. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Monson & Palmer each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

And at this meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report, as follows.

Hampden ss. August 19. 1842. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a copy, as is set forth in the return endorsed hereon by the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, together with the order of notice thereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, according to said order of notice, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Springfield Gazette, as the law requires, met at the time and place mentioned in

said order. And having, at a former meeting, adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the alterations and repairs mentioned in said petition be made, proceeded to establish the alterations and locations, and direct the repairs as follows.

1st. Alteration and location, beginning at a stake and stones, on the East line of the old road, nearly opposite the southern extremity of North Factory Pond, on land opposite the house of Dea. Andrew W. Porter; — N. 37° E. 24 rods & 5 links, to a small Oak Staddle N 51 E. 13 R 15 L. to a stake and stones — N. 34° E. 28 r. to the corner of the door yard fence of the South Boarding house of the Factory intersecting the East line of the old road on land of said Porter, or of the Monson & Brimfield Manufacturing Co.

2d Location. Beginning at stake & stones, on the West line of the old road, southwesterly from the point where the south Branch of the Brimfield Road intersects the road desaibed in line with a crop fence; thence N. 8° W. 7 Rods & 20 links to stake & stones — N. 28½° W. 10 rods 17 L. to stake and stones — N. 39° W. 10 R. to stake & stones, intersecting the line of the old road, on land of R. Merrick.

3d Location, beginning at a post marked, on the garden fence of E. Penney, in Palmer, on the West side of the old road, about 2 Rods N.E. of a large Butternut tree; then N. 61° W. 2 R. 22 L. to stake & stones; then N 75¼° W. 2 R 17 L. to a white oak post in the Garden fence of said Penney. And the Commissioners order and direct, as specific repairs on the road described in said petition — in the Town of Monson, a stone covering to the sluice near the Henry Scales to be made across the whole of the road; that the travelled path, South of Packard's stores, be made wider, so that teams may have room for turning; that the Hill, South of Bridge, South of Squire Thompson's be graded, south of bridge, so that descent shall not exceed three degrees, by gravel or other substantial material; that the road on the hill opposite Whites' Grist mill, be carried to the East, and new travelled path made, Eastward of the present, the full width of the same, and the descent South be graded; that the point of the hill opposite Porters' Factory be removed; that the rise of land near Thos. Stebbins' house, be reduced, and the ground removed to aid the descent southerly of the same; that the road north of Uriah Wards, made wider; that the road in the town of Palmer North of Chicopee River, be raised, by carting gravel, or other substantial materials; that a sufficient Railing be constructed on the high bank opposite the New House; that stone sluice, south of Penneys, be extended; that a new stone sluice be made at north end of Causeway in said Palmer; that the whole of the travelled path, through said road, be so widened and constructed, that it shall be safe and convenient travelling to the width of twenty feet, exclusive of ditches. And the Commissioners give time till the first day of May

ment to the owners of lands where locations are made to remove timber and other materials thereon. The said new road where said locations are made, and parts of said road, when reports are ordered, to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October, 1843. And after making said locations, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons making claims for damages and assessed the same for lands taken and injuries done to the owners as follows.

To Andrews & Porter	45.00
" Tenney	18.00

All which is submitted

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox
Forbes Kyle
} County Commissioners

Which Report being Read and considered, is accepted, and the alterations established as and for a public Highway.

M. Foster et al Petition for a Road in Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The subscribers respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require, that the road that leads from the Boston road, near the house of William S. Barker to Chicopee Falls is narrow and hilly, and circuitous, and the great increase of travel renders it very necessary, that a new road, or alterations in the old one be made immediately, Therefore, Your petitioners pray, that after due proceedings, your Honorable board will lay out and establish said Highway.

Springfield Sept. 29, 1841

Signed Milton Foster & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the Second Tuesday of April, A.D. 1842. at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Henry Burns in Springfield on Friday the 10 day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same; and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations entitled upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting, And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in five public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to P. Boise the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

By order of the Commissioners

Richard Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1842. And the Sheriff of the said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows. Hampden ss. April 29. 1842 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him. and I posted up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows,

Hampden ss. June 10. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing returns of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time place and purposes of the meeting, in a newspaper called the Hampden Washingtonian, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises described in said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations who desired to be heard, on the subject matter of said petition, are of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted: and do adjudge in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boise
Eyres Knox
Forbes Kyle
} County Commissioners

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of H. Dunn in Springfield on Thursday the 25th day of August next, at 10 o'clock Forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Washingtonian, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in

said Town, an abstract containing the pitetance of said petition, four-teen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 26. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Spring-field with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. August 25. 1842. The commissioners of the County of Hampden aforesaid, having given notice to all persons interested in the petition of which the above is a copy, as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, hereon endorsed by him, and also having caused to be published, as the law requires, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with the Order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time place and purposes of the meeting of the commissioners, according to said order, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Hampden Washingtonian, and having at a former meeting, adjudicated that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that certain alterations be made in the Highway as now travelled, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, proceeded to lay out and establish the following locations to be made in said Highway as follows, and as is set forth in the survey hereunto annexed.

Survey of a road, leading from Boston road, near the house of Wm S. Barker, to Chicopee Falls, made Sept. 20th 1842.

Beginning at a stake standing on the northerly side of Boston road and near the center of the old road, and thence N. 38° W. 2 rods & 5 links, to a black Oak tree, standing S. 88° 50' W 112 feet from the southwesterly corner of Wm S. Barker's dwelling house; thence on the same course (N 38° W.) 60 rods & 4 links to blackoak, mark^{d} standing in the edge of the woods: thence N. 52° W. 8 rods & 10 links to black oak mark; thence N 61° 10' W. 10 rods & 23 links to a white oak mark^{d}; thence N. 73¼° W. 8 rods & 21 links to white oak mark^{d}; thence N. 75° 10' W. 12 rods and 16 links to white Oak mark^{d}; thence N. 69¼° W. 11 rods & 9 links, to Yellow pine mark^{d}; thence N. 71½° W 8 rods to Yellow pine mark; thence N 89° W. 11 rods & 23 links, to Yellow pine mark^{d}; thence S. 89½° W. 11 rods & 11 links to yellow Oak mark^{d}; thence N 83¼° W. 10 rods & 5 links to black oak mark^{d}; thence N 60¼° W. 12 rods & 10 links to a small oak staddle on the northerly side of Rail Road and near the Rail Road crofing; thence N 47½° W. 15 rods &

11 links to a large Yellow pine mark^d; thence on the same course (N. 47¾° W) 24 rods & 2 links to a stake on southerly side of Old road: thence N 34¾ W. 25 rods & 23 links to Yellow pine mark^d; thence N 64° 10' W 9 rods & 22 links to yellow pine mark^d; thence N 59° W 12 rods & 16 links to a stake on the southerly side of the old road; thence N. 52¼° W. 40 rods & 16 links to a stake: thence N 88¼° W. 18 rods & 16 links to a stake; thence N. 54¾° W 14 rods & 14 links to a stake; thence N. 38¾° W. 12 rods & 8 links to a stake in an old stump; thence N 27° W 11 rods & 20 links to a stake in an old stump; thence N. 46¾° W. 20 rods to black Oak staddle mark^d; thence N. 63° W. 7 rods & 4 links to two black Oak staddles mark^d, on the brow of the hill; thence N. 57½° W 20 rods to an Apple tree mark^d, standing on the "Old Paul Geer Simon's place", so called, and on the southerly side of side of the old travelled road; thence N. 55° W. 4 rods & 3 links to an apple tree mark^d, in the meadow; thence N. 64¾° W 11 rods & 2 links to a stake near the bridge; thence S. 82¾° W 8 rods & 3 links, to a stake on the Westerly side of the brook, and near the said bridge, and on the southerly side of the old road; thence S. 41¾° W. 13 rods & 18 links to a stake near the foot of the hill; thence S 65 W. 7 rods to a stake: thence N. 88° 40' W. 7 rods & 8 links to a stake in a stump on the top of the hill. The road for the ~~light~~ last courses, is to be four rods wide; thence from said stake in the stump N. 70¼° W. 31 rods & 9 links to stake and stones; thence N. 70¼° W 8 rods & 2 links to stake & stones on the hill; thence N 72¾° W. 13 rods & 15 links to stake & stones on the side hill; thence N. 86¾° W 19 rods & 11 links, across a hollow to a stake; thence N ¾° W. 13 rods to a stake; thence S. 77° 40' W 8 rods & 21 links to a stake; thence S. 69° W. 13 rods & 3 links to a stake; thence S 80½° W 36 rods & 14 links to a large yellow pine, a little northerly of Stettman Munger's barn; thence S. 72½° W. 11 rods & 23 links to a stake by an old stump; said stake being N 7½° W 3 rods & 7½ links from the Northeasterly corner of said Munger's Dwelling house; thence S 89¼° W. 9 rods & 8 links to a yellow pine mark^d; thence N. 36½° W. 15 rods & 15 links to yellow pine mark^d; thence N. 50° W 17 rods & 5 links to yellow pine mark^d; thence N. 56¼° W. 8 rods & twenty links, to yellow Oak mark^d; thence N 53° W. 13 rods & 8 links to a pine staddle mark^d; thence N. 78¾° W. 8 rods & 6 links to yellow pine mark^d; thence N. 88° W. 19 rods & 2 links to a small yellow Oak mark^d; thence N. 87° 40' W. 10 rods & 23 links, to a yellow pine mark^d; thence N. 80° W. 8 rods & 24 links to a stake; thence N. 42¾° W. 192 rods to a stake in the edge of the Woods: thence on the same course (N. 42¾° W) 63 rods & 8 links to a stake at the foot of the hill, and on the southerly side of the old road, near the intersection of the old road with the road leading from the Chester Cooley Place, to Chicopee Falls. The line thus far run, is the southerly side ~~or~~ left hand limits of the road, being laid out; Here we changed from the left hand limits to the right hand limits of the road, being laid out; and thence from the last mentioned stake N 22½ E. 3 rods to a stake standing on the Northerly side of the road, leading from Chicopee Falls, to the "Chester Cooley Place" so called. And also on the northerly side of the road, being run, & by land of Theodore Williams; thence

from the last mentioned stake N. 69° W. 25 rods & 1 link, to a stake standing S. 87° 10' W. 34½ feet from the Southwesterly corner of said Williams dwelling house; thence N. 47¼° W. 35 rods & 10 links, passing on the northerly side of said Williams' old house, to a stake by a fence post on the Northerly side of the old road; thence by land of said Williams N. 41° 20' W. 44 rods to land of Joseph Groves; thence on land of said Groves, the same course (N. 41° 20' W) 6 rods & 8 links to a small maple tree mark^d standing in said Groves' door Yard; thence on land of said Groves. N. 45° 10' W. 4 rods & 15 links to land of D^r Sumner Jacobs; thence on land of said Jacobs, the same course (N. 45° 10 W) 11 rods & 17 links to land of said Williams; thence on land of said Williams, the same course (N. 45° 10' W) 8 rods & 10 links to a stake standing S. 25° W 6 feet from the centre of a small Walnut tree near the Southeasterly corner of a lot of land owned by Hiram Munga & Rufus Baker. The four last courses are on the northerly side, or right hand limits of the road run. This road is laid three rods wide, with the exception of the eight courses before mentioned, as being laid four rods wide.

We take of Elihu Adams land for Road 40 Sq^r rods
" " " the Belchers " " " 10 " do.

And after locating said Highway, the Commissioners heard all persons on their claims for damages, who desired to be heard, and assessed damages to the following persons injured in their lands by said location to wit

To Elihu Adams 25.00
" J. & Belcher Jeffers 10.00

And the owners of land over which said Highway is located, have time for removing timber and other materials, till the first day of June next. In the construction of said Highway the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made safe and smooth, Eighteen feet wide, exclusive of Ditches, and that Sluices and bridges, wherever Necessary, be twenty feet wide in the clear, and that said Highway be finished and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of October 1843 All which is submitted

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Forbes Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Way established as and for a Highway.

J. Cooley et al Petition for Alterations in Road in Westfield (See page 129)

To the Hon the Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The Subscribers represent that the road, leading from Westfield Green to a place called New Boston, in the Town of Southfield is hilly, stony, and circuitous, and that by making alterations and repairs in said Road, it can be made more level and easy for the public travel. We therefore request you to view the same, and make such alterations and repairs as to your Honorable board shall seem fit.
June 12. 1841 Sig^d James Cooley & others.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Timothy M. Cooley 2d in Granville, on Tuesday the 26th day of August next. at 10 Oclock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common Convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to keep at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said Petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerks of Westfield, Granville & Tolland each with an attested Copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns of Westfield, Granville, and Tolland, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy are make return thereof, with his doings, to L. Bliss, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Per order of said Commissioners

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1841

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 19. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 21st day of said July. I served the Town Clerks of Granville and Tolland each with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their respective Dwelling Houses and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting, the Commissions made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. August 24 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing Return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by publishing a copy of said petition

together with the foregoing Order, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting in three Semi Newspapers printed in Springfield, one of which was the Hampden Post, and published in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as the said petitioners in said order of notice, having met at the time and place appointed, proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons & Corporations interested in said petition, who desired to be heard, on the subject matter thereof, the said Commissioners are of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, & for, that certain alterations and improvements may be made, by establishing portions of new roads in the towns of Holland and Granville, & that parts of the new travelled road may, with advantage, be discontinued. And they do adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their report

Patrick Doesit }
Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde }

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity. A. D. 1842
And the petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Monday of June
At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners met at the House of L. M. Cooley, 2d in Granville on Tuesday the 30th day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after hearing to hear all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, leave the Town Clerks of Westfield Granville and Holland, each, with an attested Copy of said petition, and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners
Rick[d] Bliss Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting: And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his Return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 9. 1842 I served the Town Clerks of Granville and Holland each, with an attested Copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to them, and also posted in two public places in each of

said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition
On the 12th day of said July. I served the town Clerk of Westfield
with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by
giving the same to him and also posted up in public places in
Westfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition
G. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting the county commissioners made their Report
in writing, as follows:

Springfield ss. August 31. 1802 The County Commissioners of
the said County having given notice to all persons and Corpo-
rations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy
as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of the County, hereon
endorsed by them: and also having caused to be published, as
the law requires, an abstract of said petition, containing the
substance thereof, together with the order of notice hereto an-
nexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the
Commissioners, according to said order, in a Newspaper published
weekly in said County, called the Springfield Republican, and
having at a prime meeting made an adjudication of the
common convenience and necessity of certain locations, alter-
ations and repairs, according to the prayer of said petition:
and at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice,
and proceeded to lay out and establish, as a part of an High-
way, and to locate the same as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the westerntermination thereof, on the old High-
way, on the mountain, west of Valley Brook, at a stake bearing
S. 59° 30 W. 0.40 chains from a Chesnut tree marked, and running
S. 37° E. 4.00 chs. to Augustus Baldwins' land; then on said Bald-
win's land S. 39° 15 E. 3.00 chs; S 46° 30 E. 2.00 Chs— S. 66° 45 E 0.98 chs—
S 87° E. 1.13 chs— N. 63° E. 3.00 chs— N. 45° E. 4.75 chs— N. 42° 15 E. 7.00 chs—
N. 30° E. 1.65 chs. to Luman S Coe's land; then on said Coe N. 30 E.
0.85 chs— N. 39° E. 2.35 chs— N. 58° E. 2.35 chs— N 32° 45 E 1.69 chs—
N. 17° 30 E. 1.21 chs— N. 3° 15 E. 0.75 ch. N. 22° 45 E. 1.00 ch. at the end
of this distance west side of Road. East side of a large
rock— N. 58° 30 E. 1.47 chs— N. 34° 45 E 1.52 chs N. 29° 15 E 2.25 ch—
N. 42° E. 0.20 chs. on S. S Coe, and 1.92 chs on Jaber Atkins,
making the distance in this course, 2.12 chs— On said Atkins
N. 57 30 E 2.11 chs— N. 79° 15 E. 3.83 chs— N. 88° 30 E. 1.47 chs N. 82° 45 E.
5.41 Chs— S 57° 45 E. 2.17 chs; add 0.95 chs, to the center of Valley
Brook— N. 41° 30 E 3.23 chs, to a black oak stoddle— N. 76° 30 E
0.50 chs— S. 68° E 0.50 chs— S. 39° 15 E. 0.50 chs— S 8° E. 0.50 chs—
S 1.90 chs— S 37° W 4.00 chs— S. 46° W. 1.13 chs S. 13° W. 2.89 chs—
S. 3° 15 E 3.00 chs— S. 15° 30 E. 2.00 chs— S. 0° 30' E 2.00 chs— S 15° E
1.00 chs— S 51° 30' E 4.30 chs— S 33° 15 E 1.72 chs— S. 30° E. 4.34 chs—
S. 48° E 1.88 chs— S. 33° E. 2.95 chs to north side of old road;
then on old road S 33° E. 1.85 chs— S. 40° E 1.00 chs, to the
eastern termination, at a stake bearing from a Butter-
nut tree, on north side of road, to eastern termination
S. 87° 30 W 1.03 chs. Said line is run in the centre of
said located road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making the Location, according to the above Survey, the Commissioners proceeded to hear claims for damages, and to adjust the same, and made their assessments as follows

To E & C & Wm A Baldwin	112.00
" Germain & Lee	90.00
" Isaac Nichols	100.00
" Elijah Boise, Esq	200.00

The owners of lands are allowed time for removing timber and other materials till the first day of July next, for the Construction of said Road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made sixteen feet wide for safe and convenient travelling, exclusive of ditches and to be crown regularly crowning, so that the centre of the road shall be two feet higher than the ditches; that sluices shall be made, such many of them as shall carry off the water falling on the road, & running from the mountains, so that they need not be made on the surface of the road; that said sluices be of sufficient capacity and thoroughly cleared, with stone or substantial plank, and to be eighteen feet in length; that the travelled path on the course, on the east side of Valley Brook be made twenty five feet wide; that the bridge over Valley Brook be builded fifteen feet in hight, and not less than twelve feet wide in the clear, and not less than twenty feet length in the clear, for passage, with stone abutments, and hewn timber & thick plank for crossing, and a good and substantial facing on steep slopes of the mountain. And the Commissioners order, that said road be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of October, 1843. The Commissioners order that specific repairs to be made on that part of the road contained in said petition in the east parish in Granville, and in Westfield from the house lately owned by Enoch Bancroft to the house lately owned by Caleb Noble: That the whole of said road be made sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that new sluices be made, and the old ones be cleared, and all of them covered with stone, where stone suitable for the purpose can be had, and to be eighteen feet in length; and if not covered with stone, to be covered with hewn timber, or substantial plank; that the hill, at the East part of woods, where the road leaves the brook, be reduced, so that the elevation shall not exceed four degrees. Said repairs are to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first of October 1843. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Jones } County Commissioners.
Noble Foyle

Which Report, being read and considered is accepted, and the Way established as and for a public Highway.

S. Stevens Application for a Survey.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Humbly Meeth, Stephen Stevens, of Holland, in said County, Yeom-
That a road was located by your Honorable Body on the 18th day
of November last, over and across the land of your petitioner in
Holland aforesaid, running from the Highway west east of the House
of said Stephen, on the South side of said Highway, thence along
the course, till it again intersects the Highway near the top of
the Boston Mountain; that the damages apprized to your petitioner
amount to the sum of One Hundred and Seventy five Dollars (175)
with the additional burthen of building a Bridge upon said road;
and your petitioner represents that the sums so apprized are insuffi-
cient to remunerate him for the land so taken for said road and the
expense of fencing the same; therefore he prays that a Jury may
be summoned to assess his said damages.

Holland, April 30. 1842

Stephen Stevens

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the Fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1842 & continued to this Meeting. And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. Oct. meeting 1842. On the within application the County Commissioners by agreement with the applicants assess the damages sustained by him, and make an addition of Seventyfive Dollars to the sum heretofore apprized, so that the whole sum awarded is Two Hundred Dollars.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde

Which Report being Read and Considered is accepted.

L. Brown

Dudley Brown is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Montgomery, at the House formerly occupied by Alexander Hocking, without authority to sell ardent Spirits.

L. Cooley & als Petition for alterations in Road in Westfield

Alteration of the Road near Sandiesfield, and leading to Holland on the Petition of James Cooley, & others.

(Vide page 127)

The Commissioners having adjudged that Common Convenience and necessity require that certain alterations, &c be made, as by their Report recorded on page 127. At a meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October 1841. it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Timothy M. Cooley 2d in Granville on Monday the 15th day of November next, at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear and assess the Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen

days at least before the time of said Meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town Clerks of Westfield, Granville & Tolland, each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said Meeting. The Sheriff of said County or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richd Bliss the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. Oct. 9. 1841. I Served the Town Clerks of Granville & Tolland each with an attested Copy of said petition and Order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their usual places of abode, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 13th day of said October, I summoned the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & Order of notice thereon, by giving him the same, and I posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which Meeting the Commissions made their Report in writing as followeth.

Hampden ss. November 13. 1841. The County Commissioners of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, (see page 127) be granted, and having made and accepted their report accordingly, and having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition containing the substance thereof and the foregoing order of notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting of the Commissioners, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf required, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to lay out and establish an alteration of the road from near Sandisfield line; leading to Tolland, leaving the old road near the top of Sandisfield Mountain, to wit.

Beginning on the West side of the old Road, at a Stake

in a stone Wall: then running S 12° E. 6 chains to a Walnut stoddle, then on same course 1.71 chs. to a stake near a stone wall; then S. 21° 30' E. 1.41 ch's.- S 38° E. 1.70 chs; S 48° 30' E. 1.35 chs; S. 62° E. 1.32 chs S. 72° 15 E. 1.77 ch's to a stake at N.E. corner of Stone Wall running South & West; then S 86° 15 E. 0.75 chs; N. 72° E. 0.85 chs; N 44° 15 E. 1.68 ch's; N 39° 30 E. 2.18 ch's to the centre of a large maple stump; then N. 25° 30 E 0.77 ch to a maple tree; N. 42° E. 0.86 ch's; N. 62° 30' E. 0.85 chs; N. 64° 45' E. 3.22 ch to an Elm stoddle; N. 53 15 E. 1.57 ch's to a Soft Maple Tree; N 37° 15 E 2.20 ch's; N 26 E 2.08 ch's. to north end of Stone Wall near the brook; N. 42° 30' E. 1.50 ch's. to a dry birch tree east of bridge over the brook, where it Enters the old road. Said courses and distances are taken on the south side of the road so laid out as an alteration; and the old road from Where said alteration begins, to the point where it terminates, is hereby ordered to be discontinued, when said new road shall be completed & accepted. And the owners of land are allowed till the first day of August next to Remove timber and other materials from their lands. And after locating said Road, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons claiming damages, who desired to be heard, and apeised damages as follows:

To Stephen Fanning, one hundred & seventy five Dollars. And the Commissioners order that said road be constructed Eighteen feet wide for the travelled path exclusive of ditches; the rocks and Stone to be removed from the bed of the road; the sluices to be made of stone, and of twenty feet in length. And of a Dry Bridge is to be made for the benefit of said Stephen Fanning, he is to be at the expense of building the same. The new road to be well made and completed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Soland to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of September next. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } Commissioners
Forbes Kyle

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road and alterations established as and for a High way.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. viz

To Noah Clark Keeper of Jail 3 mths & 9 prisoners		474.12
" Caleb Rice, Sheriff, for Serving Orders of Notice		26.45
" Rich[d] Bliss, Clerk, for Entries, Venire, Orders of Notice &c		24.27
" Amasa Parsons, for attend[g] Probate Court, writ in Short &		29.00
" Harvey Butler, L. B. Kirkham & Eby McIntire, for carrying Chain & Surveying Road, Miller, Poole & all	3.00 each	9.00
" C. A. Harmon, Surveying &c		21.80
" Wm H. Butler " "		9.00
" Wm Rice for 8 Cords Pine Wood,		16.00
" " hand for 2 Bu Coal for Probate Office		20

" Justice Dynan for Repairs on Prison Iron No 3.	1.50
" J. Clark for 2 lights glass & in Probate & in Treas office	2.00
" 2 String for Clerk Court	.37
" 6 String for Lightning Rod &c	54.00
" A. J. Conrad advertising Petitions for Roads	12.50
" Isaac King for Clerk & Bridge	5.00
" Steven Lee for Chair for Treasurer Room	2.75
" Wm Hurd &c for Brick, Mason, Carbide washing &c at the Jail & at the Court House	46.86
" Jno M Callender for binding & repairing Record Books &c	6.75

Thursday P. Oct. C. 1862. All matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this Meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Nicho Bliss. Clerk

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Jan 1843

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December & from day to day to the twenty Ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred forty two. and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of February A.D. 1843

By Patrick Boise Esq. Chairman
" Cyrus Amey Esq. } County Commissioners
" Jabez Kyle Esq. }

M. & Sefpiens Petition for a Road in Holland

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

We your Petitioners represent that public convenience & necessity requires the location of a new public Highway commencing at the Connecticut State line South East of Gardner Bullis' Mills in Holland where it may intersect a contemplated road from Moses & Sefpiens dwelling House, passing said Sefpiens Mills & to said State line; from thence Northerly to intersect the old road from Holland to Union, in the most convenient place, and from thence make such alteration and repairs in the old road, until you come to the four corners, little East of Elisha Kinneys Tavern in Holland, as you shall, in your judgment, see fit; and also discontinue, or order put in repair, the road from the brook south of Severna Mays, Southerly to the State line; and also discontinue all other roads or pieces of roads, which you doings, in the premises, may supersede the necessity of. And your are respectfully requested to attend and view the premises as soon as your Convenience will permit. As in duty bound, your petitioners will Ever pray.

Dated at Holland Sept 13 Moses & Sefpiens & others.
April 9. 1842

The foregoing petition was Entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1842 At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Kinney in Holland on Tuesday the 16th day of August next, at 11 Oclock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages: Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said Meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said

County to his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff & his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Richard Bliss the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1842. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 16. 1842 I served the town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling House, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. August 6. 1842 The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County hereon endorsed by him, and also, causing to be published a copy of said petition together with the order of notice thereon endorsed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners in a Newspaper published weekly in said County called the Springfield Republican, as required by law on that behalf, and as set forth and required in said Order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and proceeded to view the premises and the roads and places mentioned in said petition; and having viewed the same and heard all persons and Corporations who desired to be heard, the Commissioners were of opinion that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they do adjudicate and accordingly submit their report

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knot } County Commrs.
Jabez Kyle

Which Report being read and considered was accepted and the Road & alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.)

At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Kenney in Holland on Tuesday the 15th day of November next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition. And after locating to hear all

persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages
Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in
said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice
of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks
successively, in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in said
County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before
the time of said meeting). And it is further ordered that the
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of
Holland, with an attested Copy of said petition and this order
thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places
in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition
fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The
Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings
to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of
said meeting. By Order of said Commissioners

Rick[d] Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this Meeting. And
the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order
made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct 15. 1842. I served the town Clerk of
Holland with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and
order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling
house, and also posted up in two public places in said town,
an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing
as follows.

Hampden ss November 15 1842 The Commissioners of the
County of Hampden having previously adjudged that common
convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the
petitioners, of which the foregoing is a copy be granted, and
having made and accepted their report accordingly and having
given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in said
petition, in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing
return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing
to be published an Abstract of said petition containing the substance
thereof, together with the foregoing order giving notice of the
time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners
in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said
County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, &
as mentioned in said Order of notice, met at the time &
place advertised in said order, and having considered the
subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and
establish a road to be made a common and public
Highway, situate in the town of Holland, described as
follows. Commencing at a stake and stones on the
line between Union, in the state of Connecticut, and the
Town of Holland, at the termination of a road recently
laid out in said Union; thence N 10½° W 20 rods & 14
links to stake & stones, near the south bank of the stream;

thence N 8¼° W 35 R 9 L. to stake & stones; thence N. 1¾° E. 42 R 7 L. to stake & stones; N. 23¾° E. 5 R to the centre of the travelled path of the road leading from Rinaldo Wallis to Union line; N. 41¼° E 20 R; N 45½° E 30 R to stake & stones at the end of a Wall; N 34¼° E 9 R. 7 L. to an apple tree, the south side of the highway leading by said Wallis'; N. 25° E. 66 R. to stake & stones. N. 28° E 25½ R to stake & stones, N 34½° E. 33¾ R to stake & stones; N 32° E. 34¾ R to stake & stones; N 25° E 36¾ R to stake & stones; N. 37° E 36 R to stake & stones; N. 33½° E 24 R to stake & stones; N. 13¾° E. 62 R to a Poplar tree, intersecting the old road near the old Perrin house. The line of said road is run in the centre, which is laid three Rods wide. Also an alteration of old road, south of Kinney's Tavern. Beginning North of a small bridge, at stake & stones; then N 14° W. 6 R 18 L.; N. 23½° W. 4 R. 20 L. to stake & stones; N 41° W. 7. R. 14 L. to stake & stones; N. 47¼° W 9 R. 17 L. to stake & stones, intersecting the old road. Said courses and distances are taken On the west line of said alteration, and on land of Rhodolphus Webber. And after locating said Highway the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons claiming damages for injury to lands, who made claims for damages, agreeably to notice previously given, and assessed damages to the following persons, viz,

Reuben Wallis, Fifteen Dollars
Perdina Rosebrook, fifty Dollars
Augusta Wallis fifty dollars
William L. Sizeions twenty dollars
Nehemiah Underwood Ninety dollars
Widow Perrin twenty dollars.
Rodolphus Webber, Five dollars.

No other persons appearing to claim damages, none were awarded to other persons.

In the Construction of said Highway, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made Sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches; to be raised sufficiently crowning from the ditches, so that the centre be a foot and half higher than the ditches; the bridges across the streams, to be twenty feet wide, and made of good material and plank, with stone abutments; the Sluices to be eighteen feet across the road, and to be covered with stone or hewn timber, and stone abutments. And the Commissioners allow and direct that one hundred & fifty dollars be paid from the County Treasury in part for making and completing said highway; and the residue to be paid by the Town of Holland. Said road to be made and finished to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of November 1843; and time is allowed till the first of August next to owners of lands to remove timber, &c.

All which is submitted

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Hobes Hyde

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road established as a Highway.

County Estimate for 1843.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1842.

The County Commissioners, taking into consideration the necessity of raising a County tax to defray the current expenses of the County for the Year next ensuing, have made an estimate of the same, as follows, (viz)

For payment of Grand and Traverse Jurors	3000.00
" One third Expense of criminal prosecutions	1000.00
" Clerks of County for services and Dockets	200.00
" Sheriffs, Deputies, Constables, and Criers of Courts	900.00
" Crimes of Venires	150.00
" Coroners for taking Inquisitions	120.00
" Diets[ing] prisoners, and articles for Jail	1500.00
" Repairs of County buildings	200.00
" Books, Stationary &c. for County Offices	185.00
" County Commissioners, Agents, Committees, &c	1500.00
" Damages for Lands, fencing and locating Highways	2500.00
" Allowance to Towns for making Roads & Bridges	2000.00
" Repairs of County Bridges	200.00
	13455.00
Debts outstanding against the County, after deducting balance of taxes for the year 1842, and other available resources	1411.09
	14866.09

Ways and means

Estimated receipts from excise, fines, forfeitures, and all other resources	366.09	
County tax for the Year 1843.	14500.00	14866.09

The whole tax to be assessed for defraying the expenses of the County for the Year 1843 is estimated as above, at Fourteen thousand five Hundred Dollars, which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose; and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for approbation, and order according to the provisions of law in that behalf.

Patrick Boise, Chairman.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz

To William Rice, Amt of costs, in criminal prosecutions
July 1842. Feb. adj Term. Oct. " Term } $52.28
" B. F. Morley for publishing petitions 19.00
" Swan & Weathers 2 Reams Letter paper 9.00
" Bliss Chapin, for Candles &c 3.36
" C. C. White painting Mark. J. Willard (Probate) 2.00
" L. H. Merriam, paper, &c 32.28
" E. M. Twing for Candles 1.76
" Draper & Bailey Blankets, &c 17.33
" Franklin Neudle Surveying in Monson &c 3.25
" S. Bowles, printing, & advertising 30.25
" William Stone do do 22.75
" Wm Rice 2 Cords Hard Wood 5.00
" H. C. Vaille, 1 Years services physician for town poor 10.00
" Wm H. Butler Surveying for County 5.50
" Oliver B. Morris Aqueduct privilege to Sept. 1842 6.00
" Cyrus Avery Cash paid & services for taking Care of County Bridge (over Mill) 10.00
" Richard Bliss Copies of location &c &c 42.72
" Caleb Rice Services of Order of notice, &c 13.25
" Noah Clark serving Order Notice of Thos Rogers & others 1.13
" Amasa Parsons tolling Bell of Court House, getting Wood & 57.12

Morgan & Day are licensed as Innholders, at the American House, in Springfield Morgan and Day

Benjamin Watson is licensed as an Innholder, at the mansion House on Main Street Springfield Watson

Frederick Goodenow is licensed to sell Spirits for mechanical & medicinal purposes, at his new Store under Chase's Hall, Cabotville Goodenow

Hampden ss. Feb. 15. 1843 All matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the eleventh day of said April, and from day to day to the fourteenth day of said April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three; and by adjournment on the first day of June

By Patrick Boise Esq. Chairman
Cyrus Knox Esq
Forbes Hyde Esq } County Commissioners

J. Hawkins Petition for Reestimation of damages.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

The undersigned represents, that in the Year 1841, a Road was established in Springfield by your board on the petition of Ezra Richmond and others, from Walnut Street to Maple Street; that your petitioner is interested in a lot of land, a part of which was taken for said road, and at the time of locating the same, it was not known that any part of said lot was so taken; wherefore your petitioner did not apply for damages, or for a Jury as the law provides in such cases; nor was he aware that any of his land was so taken, till after he was barred by the Statute, from making such application.

Your petitioner now prays the Commissioners to reestimate damages on said Richmonds petition, and allow such damages for his lands so taken, as may be just and proper.

John Hawkins

Springfield Oct. 1842.

The quantity of land taken, one & a half square rods

O. A. Seamans, Surveyor.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the Commissioners And the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners holden April 1843, the County Commissioners, on the foregoing petition, after hearing the petitioner on the subject matter thereof, have assessed damages to said Hawkins, in the sum of twenty dollars, to be drawn from the Treasury of the County.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Forbes Hyde

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Chapman — Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder, at his house on Main Street in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

Johnson — Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder at his stand just north of the Rail Road near the Depot, in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

Micajah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder at his Old Stand in the west part of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor — Taylor

Wells Fowler is licensed as an Innholder, at the House lately occupied by J. M. Parsons, in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor — Fowler

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder at his house in the west parish, in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor — Loomis

Samuel Blanchett is licensed as a Common Victualler at Loomis' Buildings, on the Green, in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors. — Blanchett

Edmund Shepard is licensed as a Common Victualler at the basement of Ives' building, in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors — Shepard

Simeon Colton is licensed as a Taverner and Innholder in the West parish, in the town of Longmeadow, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors — Colton

H. & I. Brooks are licensed as Innholders in the East Parish of the town of Longmeadow, at their present public house, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks — H. & I. Brooks

Mrs Abigail Collins is licensed as an Innkeeper at her dwelling House at Chester Village without any authority to sell intoxicating drinks — Collins

Nathan Root is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at Chester Factory, near the Depot of the Western Rail Road without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors. — Root

Joseph Lazell is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at Chester Factory, about 70 rods from the Depot of the Western Rail Road, in the town of Chester, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors — Lazell

Williams Weatherbee is licensed as an Innholder at the house owned by Widow Beebe in the town of Southwick without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor — Weatherbee

Alexander Stocking is licensed as an Innholder at the house lately occupied by Dudley Brown in the town of Montgomery, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor — Stocking

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Kinney — Elisha Kinney is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at his house a few rods west of the meeting House in the town of Holland, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Calkins — Enos Calkins is licensed as an Innholder at his house called the Three Rivers Hotel, in the Three Rivers Village in Palmer, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Beard & Son — Andrew Beard & Son are licensed as Innholders at Thorndike Village, in the town of Palmer, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

Dewey — Alonzo A. Dewey is licensed as an Innkeeper at his house in the town of Palmer, at the Depot of the Western Rail Road, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors

Morrell — John Morrell is licensed as an Innkeeper at the house occupied by him at Palmer Depot, in the town of Palmer, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Turner — Elias Turner is licensed as an Innkeeper at the house occupied by him in the Center of the town of Palmer, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Perkins — Edwin F. Perkins is licensed as an Innkeeper at the stand he now occupies in the town of WestSpringfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

Winchell — Sardis Winchell is licensed as an Innholder at his ale stand in the town of WestSpringfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Crafts. — Chesley Crafts is licensed as an Innholder, at his stand in Ireland Parish in the town of West Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

Allen — Asnos Allen is licensed as an Innholder at his stand now occupied by him in the town of WestSpringfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Dallmadge — Marcus M. Dallmadge is licensed as an Innholder at the house occupied by him, in the town of WestSpringfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Corbin — Elias Corbin is licensed as an Innkeeper at the stand now occupied by him in the town of WestSpringfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Wolcott — Noah Wolcott is licensed as an Innholder, at the stand now occupied by him in the town of WestSpringfield, without

authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

Daniel N. Green is licensed as an Innholder at the house occupied Green
by him on the north east side Common in the town of Brimfield,
without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder at his stand in the Baldwin
town of Milbraham, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor,

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at his stand in Fuller
the town of Milbraham, without authority to sell any intoxicating
liquor.

Timothy M. Cooley 2d is licensed as an Innholder and Common Cooley 2d
Victualler at the dwelling House occupied by him in the town of
Granville, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Francis Clark is licensed as an Innholder and Common Clark.
Victualler at the house now occupied by him in the town of
Granville, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors,

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder at the house now Phelps
occupied by him in the town of Granville, without ~~authority~~ authority to
sell any intoxicating liquors.

Avery Tracy is licensed as an Innholder, at the house for- Tracy
merly Kept by John C Kingsley, in the town of Blandford
without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Thomas L Chaffee is licensed as an Innholder at the house Chaffee
called the Blandford Coffee House, in the town of Blandford, with-
out authority to sell any intoxicating liquors

Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder at the tavern now Hawley
occupied by him in Russell, without authority to sell any intoxicating
liquors.

Williams Lindsey is licensed as an Innholder at the house called Lindsey
the Rail Road House in the east part of Blandford, near Chester
Village, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors

Israel M. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder at the Hampden Parsons
House in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any in-
toxicating liquor

Jeremy Warriner is licensed as an Innholder at the United Warriner
States Hotel in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell
any intoxicating liquor.

Marvin Chapin is licensed as an Innholder & Taverner, at Chapin

his house near the Rail Road Debot, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

Bugbee — Marson Bugbee is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Columbian Hotel, on the Hill, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Bonney — Fredyce Bonney is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Franklin House on the Hill, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Watson — Benj^a M. Watson is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Mansion House on State Street in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Kimberly — Ezra Kimberly is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Village Hotel, at the water Shops in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Gunn — Henry Gunn is licensed as an Innholder and taverner at the Five Mile House in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Morgan & Day — Morgan & Day are licensed as Innholders and taverners at the American House, near the Debot, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor

McKinney — Henry McKinney is licensed as an Innholder and taverner at the Mechanics Hotel, Water Street in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Jennings — Spencer Jennings is licensed as an Innholder and taverner at the Fair Road House, near the Debot, in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Pendleton — Olofen Pendleton is licensed as an Innholder and taverner at his house in Millersdell, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Miller — William Miller is licensed as an Innholder & Taverner at the Connecticut River House, Cabotville, in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Chapin — Ethan A Chapin is licensed as an Innholder and taverner at the Cabot House, Cabotville, in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Glazier — Sylvester Glazier is licensed as an Innholder and taverner at the Mansion House, called the Bisbee Place, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks

Adams

Asenath Adams is licensed as an Innholder and tavenor at the Chicopee Falls Hotel in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors

Norris

Amos Norris is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Monson, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks

Miller

Cornelius Miller is licensed as a Common Victualler, in the town of Wales without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks

Tax

In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court, passed on the twenty third day of March A. D. 1843. granting a tax of Fourteen thousand and five hundred Dollars for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following, (viz)

Blandford	571.25
Brimfield	619.87
Chester	368.61
Granville	425.40
Holland	162.06
Longmeadow	490.22
Ludlow	522.63
Monson	887.26
Montgomery	149.90
Palmer	968.29
Russell	190.42
Southwick	425.40
Springfield	5.052.11
Tolland	239.03
Wales	210.67
Westfield	1 324.81
West Springfield	1 332.91
Wilbraham	539.09

And Warrants have issued dated the thirteenth day of May A. D. 1843. directed to the Selectmen & Assessors of the several towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice, Esq. County Treasurer or his successor in order by the last day of August next ensuing, as the law directs.

Accounts.

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz.

Elihu Abbott, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of George Florida, March 11. 1843.	3.00
Jurymen — Francis Cummins	1.31
Ebenezer Russell	1.31

	Cicero Simonds	
	Simon Smith	1.31
	Cyrus Noyes	1.31
	Edmund Freeman	1.31
Witnesses	Chester W. Chapin	1.31
	Elkanah Barton	.54
	Eli Hanzen	.54
	Abijah Child	.54
	Wells Stanley	.54
	L. T. Peck	.54
	Charles Phelps	.54
Constable	William Hatfield, Serving warrant, &c	1.78
"	Jehiel Abbot, Coroner, making an examination of the body of Jane Blakeley's child, making post mortem examination, &c. and enquiring into the circumstances connected with its death	3.00
	Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Hannah Goodwin, March 23, 1843.	3.00
Surgeons	Josiah Hooker Freeman	1.37
	Edward A. Morris	1.37
	Cicero Simons	1.37
	Justus Sackett	1.37
	Henry Howes	1.37
	David Barber	1.37
Witnesses	Benjamin F. Goodwin	.55
	Moses B. Frost	.55
	Julia A. Goodenow	.55
Constable	William Hatfield Summoning Jurors &c	1.38
"	Noah Cook Underkeeper of Jail Expenses acct 1st Apl 1843	675.111
"	" Keeping Catharine Ryan Lunatic 24 weeks 2 days	9.00
"	I. H. Butler, paper	6.12
"	S. King, Alphabet, &c	1.31
"	G. M. Callender, Binding Records &c	17.75
"	A. Mann advertising Receipts & Expenditures County 1843	3.00
"	Draper & Bailey Sundries for Jail	2.38
"	Pease & Brothers paper Wm Rice	11.80
"	Babcock & Clark Sundry Clothing, prisoners	13.00
"	Sizer & Co Sundries County House	17.75
"	Hatfield & Gorham Shirts do do	3.00
"	C. H. Green 30 Lights of Glass &c. do do	2.40
"	E. Blake Shoes do do	2.67
"	E. Trask Castings County House	1.80
"	H & L Brewer Sundries Jail & Court House	3.96
"	Overseers House of Correction, Services 1 Year to 1st 1842	15.00
"	Jas Brewer & Co nails, Jail	.65
"	F. Cook paint & painting Probate Office	1.87
"	H. J. Brooks for Wood	19.50

To Bliss Chapin Hbo 6 mats Court House	5.00
" Richd Bliss. Order of Notices, &c. &c	21.24
" L. Rice. Secry Order of Notice. distrib Venires &c	7.78
" Hd. Brown. attends on Deck Court House	75
" A. Lawson. attendg Court. sawing Wood. &c	15.12.

Hampden ss. June 1. 1843. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued. and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Richd Bliss, Clerk.

June 1843

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty seventh day of said month, and from day to day to the thirtieth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of August & by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August, & by adjournment on the 6th day of Sept. in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

By Patrick Boise, Esq. Chairman
Cyprus Knox Esq
Hebes Kyle Esq } County Commissioners

J Willard et al. Petition for alterations in Court House.

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers respectfully represent, that the public Convenience and necessity does, in our opinion, require, that the Court House in said County should be so altered and enlarged as to enable persons to pass into the Hall below, by a passage way in rear of the bench and bar, and also, so as to admit of convenient ante-rooms on the second floor, situated also in rear of the Bench. We therefore pray, your Honors to view, and take such order in the premises, as to you may be deemed meet and proper. Dated at Springfield this 22d day of Feby. 1838.

Signed J Willard & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A.D. 1837 and continued from meeting to meeting to this Meeting, And now it is considered and Ordered that this petition be dismissed.

H. Eby & others Petition for Roadsse in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represent your petitioners, that the Old road from Hosea Bliss Shop, to Seth Parsons' house, is crooked and hilly, and that the same might be so altered as to be more convenient for the travel; that the road from Jones' Ferry to the house of Burgham Dorr, is narrow and cracked, and that the same might be widened and straitened; that the road from said Ferry, to Northampton line, having Crafts Tavern, is crooked, hilly, and out of repair, and that the same might be straightened and otherwise altered and repaired. They therefore pray, that these several roads may be viewed, and such alterations, discontinuances and repairs ordered and made as shall be thought for the public good. They further represent, that the old road from Riley Brook, over the hill towards Jones' Ferry, to its intersection with the present travelled road, may be discontinued. They therefore pray, that the same may be discontinued. Said roads are all in West Springfield

Signed Homer Eby & others.

April 1838.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the

County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of Sept. A. D. 1838 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The subscribers represent that the present traveled path from the Worthington House in the first Parish in West Springfield, to Henry Smiths, is crooked and very much out of repair; that the road from Isaac Smiths to Ezra Bradleys, requires an alteration. They therefore pray that your Board would forthwith view the same, and order such repairs and make such alterations in said road as the public convenience seems to require.

Signed Hervey Smith and others.

West Springfield July 16. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1839 and continued from meeting to meeting to this Meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed

H. Smith et als Petition for alterations in Road in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned respectfully represent, that the convenience and necessity require a new Highway in Pecking Hills, commencing near James A. Palmer's house, and running Easterly near Gordon White's house, and to intersect the County road on the plains. Your petitioners therefore pray, the Commissioners to view the premises and lay said Highway as soon as convenient; also to view the Deep-gullie Road so called, and discontinue the same.

Signed Spencer Flower & others.

West Springfield April 1st 1840.

The foregoing petition was Entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed

S. Flower et al Petition for Road in West-Springfield

To the Honorable board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Your petitioners do hereby request that you would view a route for a new Road leading direct from Alfred Lumbards barn in Brimfield, westerly, to intersect the new Road leading from Holland to Brimfield, which, in the opinion of your petitioners, would greatly improve the present traveled road from Alfred Lumbards to Zenas Holbrooks, which now is very crooked and hilly and also very muddy in the Spring of the Year. Your petitioners pray that your honorable board would view the route above mentioned, and make

A. Lumbard et al petition for Road in Brimfield

such improvements as You think expedient.

Signed Samuel Sumbard & others.

Brimfield Dec. 9th 1840.

The foregoing petition was Entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1840. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.—

Geo. Bliss Petition for altering Chestnut Street, Springfd.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

Represents the Subscriber, That on the petition of Chester W. Chapin and others, a Highway was laid out, leading Northerly from State Street, and a continuation of Chesnut Street, in the village of Springfield in said County; that said road was to be worked in the manner directed by said Commissioners and to their acceptance, by the 1st day of June 1839; that Harvey Chapin, Geo. Ashmun and others Petitioners and owners of lands, gave a written agreement to make a part of said road to the acceptance of the Commissioners; that said road has never been properly worked and made, and has been for two or 3 Years in an unfinished and unsafe condition. Wherefore the undersigned prays that the Commissioners would themselves make a contract for working said road in perfect order, and charge the expense thereof upon the said town of Springfield; or that the Commissioners would change and straighten the direction of said road, & order Specific repairs, thereon.

Signed Geo. Bliss

July 7. 1841.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the first Tuesday of July, by adjournment from the 4th tuesday of June, A. D. 1841. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.—

J. Moseley and Petition for Road in West Springfield

To the Hon. Commissioners of the County of Hampden

We, the undersigned, Respectfully ask leave to represent, That a road has recently been laid across the Westfield River, where the toll bridge formerly stood, that bridges have been Erected at this place to accommodate the travel from Hartford to Northampton and Westfield; but such has been the improvements on the Routes from Northampton to Hartford, by West Springfield and Westfield, that the most of the travel has gone from this road; that within the six last years two new roads have been completed, to accommodate the travel from Westfield to Hartford, South of the river, and we are of the opinion, that that part of the public who are interested, and who have occasion to travel from Westfield to Westhuffield, or to Feeding Hills are satisfied with the roads now travelled; and we would further represent, that in our opinion, it is good and safe policy, that when there

a new bridge to be erected, or a new road to be made, that it be located in such a manner as to not come in contact with the Rail Road; that a bridge at this place crosses the river in full view of the Rail Road, and after crossing the Highway for about a mile, east and West it is along by the side of the Rail Road, a part of which is but a twenty feet traveled path, between this rail road and the river bank, and three Rail Road crossings on the bank; and we are of the opinion, that if a new bridge is to be erected, in this Section of the County, it ought to be located below the Rail road crossing, at the Ledge, and that a bridge at this place would shelter the distance, and lessen the hills from Feeding Hills to the south part of Westfield, Cabotville, and Southampton, and from a part of the towns of Westfield and Southwick to Springfield, and would furnish a route from the centre of Westfield to Springfield, which would be away from the Rail Road, and above high water, except the highest freshets, of which there has been but six or seven within the last forty years. We would therefore respectfully ask the Commissioners to change the location of a road across the river from where it is now laid, to some point below the Rail Road crossing, at the ledge, and to lay and Establish a road from the Frost place, in Westfield to intersect the new road leading to Ensign's Mill in Westfield: And also, to lay a road from near the house of Stephen Bumpus' South of the river, to the house of Seth Smith, North of the river, and also, to intersect the old road running by Timothy Stebbins' in Westfield to Feeding Hills, with the new road near Little Brook, so called, to save keeping the bridge and hill in repair.

Signed James Moseley & others.

December 1841.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth tuesday of December, A. D. 1841, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, that this petition be dismissed.

J. S. Abbee vs. Petition for Road in Springfield

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Subscribers respectfully represent, That the old road from Ferry Street, in Cabotville, near the house that William Chapin lived, passing the Connecticut River House, up the Hill, to intersect the road to the United States Armory, has, by means of trespasses committed by sundry persons, such as fencing up, digging and carrying away Earth, rendered it wholly impassable: Also, that the old road from, or near the School house, passing the houses of Allen Judd, and the house of Uriah Van Horn, and Simeon Chase, to the above mentioned road, the same being in a bad shape by means of trespasses committed by sundry indi=

viduals: they therefore pray, that You would view, lay out and establish such of the Highways, as your Honors shall think the public wants require, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed John L. Abbe & others

Cabotville, Feby 21. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April. A. D. 1842. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

Mr Tucker Petition for a Jury.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The petition of William Tucker, of Brimfield, in said County, respectfully represents, That the Selectmen of said Brimfield have laid out and caused to be made, a Town way from the road near his Sawmill, in the westerly part of the town, through his mill yard and garden to Moses Nichols, in said Brimfield, and that he feels himself greatly injured and aggrieved at the inadequate damages allowed him by said selectmen, and in Conformity with the provisions of the Statute in such cases made, he appeals from their award, and prays your honorable body to grant him a jury, or in preference a disinterested Committee, to view the premises, and allow him such damages as they may judge reasonable and just.

William Tucker.

Brimfield, April 12. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the second tuesday of April A. D. 1842. and continued from Meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, that this petition be dismissed

J. G. Creagh's Petition for Road in Springfield

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, citizens of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, respectfully represent, That the public convenience requires that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield, between the following termini, viz. Commencing on Main Street, so called, in said Springfield, on land owned by Joshua Frost, and Chauncey Brewer, thence running Easterly, over land of said Frost and Brewer; over land of Daniel Bontecou, Cicero Simons and James Wallace; thence across Market Street, so called, in said Springfield, over land of Lucius Clark; over land belonging to said town of Springfield, and over land belonging to the First Parish in said Springfield; over land of John G. Creagh; over land of Henry Fuller and Duditus Searle; over land of Horace Lee and Philo F. Wilcox, over land of Wells P. Hodgel, of Horace D. Braman, and

land belonging to the Chicopee Bank to land of Geage Bliss.
And the undersigned respectfully pray that after due proceedings had in the premises; such an Highway may be laid out between the said termini, as the public convenience requires.

John S. Crouch & others.

Springfield April 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1842. and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

C. Sage et al Petition for Road in Russell

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden
We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Blandford and Russell, would respectfully represent, That a Depot on the Western Rail Road is about to be made on the land of Charles Sinkler in said Russell; that the road leading from the Village, in Blandford to said place, is hilly and in some places circuitous and out of repair. We therefore pray that your Honors may view said road, and order such alterations and improvements in the hills and width of said road, as may be deemed expedient; and also, to extend the same to said Depot from the turnpike, near the Baptist meeting House in said Russell

Signed Orrin Sage & others.

June 20. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of T. L. Chaffee, in Blandford, on Tuesday the 9th day of August next, at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, ~~to proceed to~~ to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Blandford and Russell, each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up

in two public places in said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first tuesday of October A. D. 1842. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows:

Hampden ss. July 8. 1842. I served the town Clerks of Brandford and Russell each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their respective dwelling houses, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in wording as follows:

Hampden ss. August 9. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy, as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, hereon endorsed, by him; and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice thereon, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Hampden Sail, as the law requires in that behalf, and as is set forth and directed in said order; met at the time and place as mentioned in said order of notice, and proceeded to view the Highway and the alterations and locations mentioned in said petition: And having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and corporations interested who desired to be heard, the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the new locations and repairs should be ordered and established according to the prayer of said petition, and they do adjudicate in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Knox
Jabez Hyde
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations adjudged of public convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Russell Stanley in Russell, on Tuesday the 22d day of November, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject

of damages; also, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerks of Blandford and Russell each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff, of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 22. 1842. I served the Town Clerks of Blandford and Russell each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at the dwelling house of each, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting, the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows; viz

Hampden ss. November 22. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations, interested in the petition, of which the above is a true copy, as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and as above endorsed by him, and also having caused to be published, as the law requires, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, together with the order of notice thereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, according to said order in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post, published weekly in said County, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having, ~~and hearings~~, at a former meeting adjudicated that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that common convenience and necessity required the same, proceeded to make the locations and alterations, and to order the repairs hereafter mentioned, first, the location of a Highway.

Beginning at a stake on the Depot ground in Russell, belonging to the Western Rail Road Corporation and running on the left hand or South side a line

of said Road, S. 43° W. 2.75 chains, to a Beach tree, on depot ground; S. 53° W. 1.25 chs. partly on depot ground, and partly on land of Roland P. White; then on said White, S. 76° W. 0.68 chs. to a Red Oak staddle marked; N. 83° 30' W. 0.40 chs to widow Lydia Andrus Land; on her land same course, 18.10 chs. to stake and stones, the south side of a bar way in crop fence. S. 71° 45' W. 4.14 chs. to a Buttonwood tree marked, on the margin of Bradley's Mill brook; S. 55° 30' W. 3.40 chs. to a Buttonwood tree marked, standing on the limits of the 8th Massachusetts Turnpike Road; then same course to the center of said road, 0.30 chs. near the north end of the bridge crossing Bradleys Mill Brook. The above described road in Rufsell is laid three rods wide. A piece of road laid out in Blandford, to wit, Beginning at an appletree at marble Shepard's land, on the North side of the present road, for the north side or line of the location, and running on the said North line S. 89° 15' W. 1.75 chs. on land of Marble Shepard to Staunton Clark's land; on said Clark's land, same course, 5.25 chs to a stake in crop fence S. 54 15'. 5.25 chs. to a Butternut tree, marked, at the western terminus of the North line of said road, a few rods East of said Clark's house. And after making the locations above described, the Commissioners heard all persons interested, on the subject of damages, and made apeisments of damages as follows.

To Lydia Andrus, one hundred and thirty dollars	130.00
" Marble Shepard, three dollars, fifty cents	3.50
" Staunton Clark, thirty five dollars	35.00

And the Commissioners gave directions for the construction of the road located in Rufsell, that the bank on the Depot ground be cut diagonally and brought down so as not to exceed four degrees rise, and a substantial railing made on the Southerly side of the road to the summit of the bank; that the bridge acrofs the small stream, west of the depot, be made twenty feet in length, and the traveled path of the road from the Depot to the turnpike, be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches: And they order, as specific repairs to be made in Rufsell, on the road leading from the turnpike to Blandford, that the bank, near Lydia Andrus' house, where said road leaves said turnpike, be reduced and brought down to a regular grade. The hills and pitches over Dickinson Hill, so called, to be reduced as much as practicable; the travelled path to be removed north of the present, and further into the woods: the bridge between the Hills, to be raised higher than at present, three feet. The bridge West of Dickinson Hill to be guarded with a railing: the travelled path of the road east and west of Bradleys Saw mill, where there are now pitches, to be made south of the present, and carried nearer the stream, to save distance and avoid hills: the whole of said road in Rufsell to be made 16 feet wide, exclusive of ditches and in no place to be less than twelve feet travelled path: the Hills to be reduced, where they can be, to five degrees, and not to exceed seven degrees ascent; to be made and

omitted to the acceptance of the Commissioners. In the repairs to be made on that part of said highway in Blandford, the Commissioners direct, that the ditch two west of the first bridge after leaving Russell, the hill east of Aaron Bradley's saw mill; the hill near William Smiley's house, be each lowered, and the road where the ground is low, and near said hills caused by the removal of the Earth in reducing the same; that the ledge of rock near Mr. S Lewis' Mills be blasted, so as to sink the traveled path two feet, and the road West of the ledge raised; that the bridge near Aaron Bradleys' saw mill be raised, and made wider; that two small bridges on said highway, between Joseph Haley's and Lemuel Stickles' houses, be raised four feet in height, from their present locations; the bridge over Potash brook, to be rebuilt and raised three feet from its present height; that sluices, of sufficient capacity for conveying the water from the Highway be constructed where the ground is low, and where the same are necessary; that the traveled path be widened to sixteen feet, when the same can be done with reasonable expense, and to be in no place of any distance, less than twelve feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that on constructing the new Turnpike road on the Lands of S Clark, and M. Shepard, the travelled path be made full sixteen feet wide, for safe travel, and sufficiently crowning to carry the water into the ditches, and a sufficient number of sluices cut to conduct the water from the road. The whole of said road, in the towns of Russell and Blandford, where new Road is to be made, and where repairs are ordered, to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of October, 1843. The owners of land have allowed them time for removing timber and other materials, till the 20th August next. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Ryle

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Locations and alterations established as and for a Highway.

O. A. Perkins' Petition for Road in Chester.

To the Hon. County Com'rs, Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Gent.

We the petitioners, for the Chester Turnpike Corporation by their agent, and the Inhabitants of Chester, by their agents, represent, that of true public necessity and convenience requires that the parts of said Turnpike being in Hampden be discontinued, and laid as a County road, soon as may be. We pray your honors to view and lay said road, and allow such sum as you may think reasonable, to be paid by the County of Hampden, to said Turnpike Corporation, for their franchise and lands over which said Turnpike passes.

Signed O. A. Perkins, agent for the Chester Turnpike Corporation
Jonas Parmenter
Chaney Ingell } Selectmen of Chester
C. H. Babcock

Docket.
Oct. 15. 1842

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1842. and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second tuesday of April A. D. 1843. at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph Lazell at Chester Factory, on Monday the 22d day of May at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Chester, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss. Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. April 20. 1843 I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling House, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice. Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. May 22. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a true copy, as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden as hereon endorsed by him; and also having caused to be published, as the law requires, a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, as mentioned in said order, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Republican, published

...ville in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf. Parks Ripley, one of the County Commissioners, being an Inhabitant of the town of Chester, in which the Road mentioned in said petition is situated, and being interested as such, did not act in the said matter of said petition, and Algal Rockwell of Southwick, one of the Special Commissioners of said County, having been summoned to attend, did attend and act with the Commissioners at the time and place of meeting; and the Board of Commissioners, thus constituted, proceeded to view the premises mentioned in said petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested in the ~~prayer~~ of said petition, were of opinion that public convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, as they so adjudicated in the premises. And it appearing that none of the parties interested in said petition made any objection to the location and establishment of said road as a Common Highway, and all persons and Corporations being willing that the Commissioners then, and without further notice, proceed to locate the same, the Commissioners accordingly proceeded, without further notice, to locate and Establish, as a Common Highway, that part of the Chester Turnpike within the same limits as the same was established and laid out for the Chester Turnpike Corporation, running from the dividing line between the towns of Becket and Chester, to the southerly end of Walton Bridge, lying within the town of Chester; and that the same be discontinued as a Turnpike, and hereafter be used and Established as a Highway; Reference being had to the location of the said Turnpike for the limits and survey of said Highway. And after locating the same as a Highway, the Commissioners, having given notice for that purpose, heard all persons and Corporations on their claims for damages, who desired to be heard. And damages were assessed as follows.

To the Chester Turnpike Corporation, which claimed damages by their agent, O. A. Perkins, fifty Dollars.

No others claiming damages, none were assessed. And the Commissioners direct the inhabitants of Chester to put said road in good repair; to make safe and convenient bridges over the streams crossing the Highway, and to make the traveled path of said Highway sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, with sluices sufficient to carry the water from the same, and to make the whole of said Highway safe and convenient for the public travel, and to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of November next. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Knox } Commissioners
Algal Rockwell, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered was accepted, and the way laid and Established as a Common Highway.

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J. Brewer et al Petition for Discontinuing Road in Springfield

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The Subscribers respectfully Represent, That there is an old Road on the South side of Mill River, in Springfield, West of the House of Walter Warriner, Commencing at said River and running Southerly so as to intersect the present travelled road from Springfield to Longmeadow, near the house of Lyman Wood; that the same has not been used for public travel for many years, and that public convenience and necessity do not require that the same should be continued as a public way; they therefore pray, that Hon would view said road and order it to be discontinued

Signed James Brewer, & another.

Dec. 27. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1842, at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the 15th day of February next, at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the said Road shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the Road as prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second tuesday of April. A. D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. Sandy. 14 1843 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and posting up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice. Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in

writing, as follows, viz:

Hampden ss. February 15. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, in a newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf made and provided, and as set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter thereof, were of opinion that public convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and they so adjudicate in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boyle
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Robes Ryle

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the first day of June next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to discontinue according to the prayer of said petition and to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, of Springfield an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

Richd Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made this return as follows.

Hampden ss. April 27 1843. I served the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and

also pasted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance thereof

E. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. June 1. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County, hereon by him endorsed, and also having caused to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Republican, printed and published weekly in said county, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf required, and having at a former meeting adjudicated upon the prayer of said petition, and being of the opinion that public convenience and necessity did not require the longer continuance of the road mentioned in said petition as a public Highway, and that the same be discontinued, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and proceeded to discontinue a part of an old Highway established by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held at Springfield in and for the County of Hampshire, on the last tuesday of August A. D. 1760, which part of said Highway is described as follows. Beginning at the stump of an elm tree, on the south side of Mill River, and running from thence to the said river, North 25° East; then from said Elm stump, South 19° East five rods to a Walnut tree; then South 6° 30' East five rods to a stake and stones; then south, 26° 30' East, to a stake and stones five rods; then run south 39° East to the northerly line of the Highway leading from Springfield to Longmeadow. The minutes of the above location of part of a Highway were taken from the report of a Committee, dated November 1. 1759. which report was presented and accepted at the Court of General Sessions of the peace aforesaid, as appears by a copy of the record thereof. From which Report, it appears, that said Highway was laid four rods in width. And the Commissioners, after hearing all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of said petition, do order that the Highway above described be discontinued and no longer remain a public Highway. And after discontinuing said Highway, the Commissioners, according to notice previously given, heard all persons and corporations, who desired to be heard on their claims for damages; and no party interested presenting any legal claim for damages, none were assessed. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox
Forbes Kyle
} County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted, and the Road discontinued as a Highway.

O Wallace &c
Petition for Discontinuing a Road in Monson

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned inhabitants of Monson respectfully represent that the County road leading from the bridge near Blanchard's Saw Mill, and intersecting the road running East and West near Jon Wallis's is not now needed as a public road, and that the public good requires it to be discontinued. We therefore pray from Monson that a view may be had and the road be discontinued.
Wallace that a view may be had and the road be discontinued.

Signed Otis Wallace & others.

Monson March 16. 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1843. At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of Storrs N. Dewey & Palmer on Wednesday the 31st day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after discontinuing to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of Monson, with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Monson, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to Richard Bliss, the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows

Hampden ss. April 27. 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Monson with an attested Copy of the petition aforesaid and Order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. May 31. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all

persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a true copy as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County, hereon by him endorsed, and also, having caused to be published a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners in a Newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf and as required by said order of notice; met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises mentioned in said petition, and also having heard all persons and corporations on the subject matter of said petition who desired to be heard, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity do not require that the Highway mentioned in said petition be discontinued, and that the prayer of said petition be refused; and they so adjudicate in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Kent } County Commissioners
Boles Kyle

which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. To the Sheriff of our County of Hampden or his Deputy. Greeting. Whereas, at a regular meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the second tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, Elisha Ashley of Westspringfield in said County, preferred his petition to the County Commissioners representing that on the petition of Isaac S. Clark and others praying for a road to be laid out from the County Road, leading from Merley's Bridge to Northampton, commencing north of Roswell Dewey's barn, in Westfield, and running northeasterly to the county road leading from Westspringfield to Northampton, near Sandy Winchells, and such proceedings having been had thereon, that a Road had been located by said County Commissioners, and the return thereof duly made and accepted, at a meeting thereof, on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1842. at Springfield aforesaid, which said Road is laid over the lands of the said Aaron Ashley, Elisha Ashley and Roswell Dewey and other persons, as follows, to wit. Beginning at the northern termination at the center of the road one and half rods S.E. from a maple tree, at the north corner of Elisha Ashley's lot, and running on said Ashley S. 45° 45' W. 4. 50 chains parallel to and with the S.W. side of the stone Wall which is the N. W. line of said road; then S. 41° W. 17.24 chs on Aaron Ashleys and 0.17 chs on Elisha Ashley. at the end of this distance, three black Oak staddles standing on the north west line of the road at the angle: then on said Elisha, S. 34° 15' W. 16.05 chs. to a large Chesnut, standing on the N. W line of the

E. Ashley et al Petition for a Jury.

road S 38.15 W. 5.00 chs. to opposite a Birch tree near a large Spring which tree bears from the centre of the road N 51°45 W. 0.44 chs; then S. 43°30 W. 9.54 chs to Owen Burts land; then on said Burt, 11.85 chs to a cross road leading to Paynes Mills; then 0.50 chs. across said road to Owen Burts land; then on said Burts land 11.31 chs. to Phelps Searles land; then on said Searles land 4.84 chs. to a point bearing N. 88.30 W. one and half rods from the N. W. corner of said Phelps Searles barn, the said N. W. corner of the barn being S. E. side of said road at the angle, the whole distance on the above course being 38.04 chs; then S. 42° 15' W 16.35 chs. on Phelps Searles land to the line of WestSpringfield and Westfield, at the north corner of Abijah Owens lot; then on Roswell Owens land 10.00 chs to a point, bearing S. 87 15 W one and half rods from the N. W. corner of Roswell Owens stable, on the west side of the barn, which is the southern termination: the distance of this last course is 26.25 chs. and praying that a Jury may be ordered to reconsider and award the damages thereon, and discontinue or alter said road. And whereas, at said meeting, first before mentioned, the petitioners having caused a sufficient recognizance to be given agreeably to the provisions of law, it was by said Commissioners ordered and directed that the Sheriff of said County summon a Jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matters of complaint set forth in the petition for such Jury and to decide all such matters as should legally come before them on such hearing; You are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby required forthwith to summon a Jury of twelve men for the purposes aforesaid, agreeably to the provisions of law in such case made and provided. And to this end, You are to require, in writing, the Selectmen of the three towns nearest the premises, not interested in the question, to return a number of persons, not less than two, nor more than six, from any one town, unless in case of necessity. And if by reason of challenges or otherwise, there shall not be a full Jury of the persons summoned, you are to return some suitable person de talibus circumstantibus, to supply the deficiency; which said Jury are to be sworn to make a just and true appraisement of the damages sustained by the complainant, and well and truly to try all such other matters as shall be lawfully submitted to them under the said complaint, and to give a true Verdict therein according to the law and the evidence given them. And William Bruce, Esq of Westfield is appointed to preside at said Trial, and to decide all questions of law arising therein, which would be proper for the decision of a Judge. And he is to direct the Jury upon any question of law, when requested by either party, and to certify the substance of such his decision or directions, to the Court of Common Pleas, at the request of either party. You are to give Seasonable notice of the

time and place of meeting to the parties concerned, and especially to Patrick Boise. Esq, who is appointed by said Commissioners, to act as the agent for and in behalf of the county in the premises. The said Jury are to be summoned and give their verdict under their hands within three months next after the fourteenth day of April last, and the verdict so given is to be returned to the then next term of the Court of Common Pleas to be held in and for said County of Hampden, that said Court may adjudicate thereon agreeably to the provisions of law. And Here are to certify to the Court your own travel and attendance and that of each juror. Witness Patrick Boise, Esquire, Chairman of the County Commissioners, at Springfield this thirteenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Rich^{d} Bliss. Clerk.

Hampden ss June 15. A. D. 1843. Then personally appeared Joseph M. Forward. Roger S. Moore, Charles K. Bingham, John R. Dixon, Alvin Kibbe. Samuel W. Bliss, John Kilbon. Alfred White, Luther Markham. Oliver Dwight. Ethan Taylor, and William Child, who was returned to supply the deficiency occasioned by the absence of Theodore Bliss. Jurors Summoned on the foregoing case, and made solemn Oath, that they would faithfully and impartially estimate the damages that have been or will be sustained by the within named complainant. occasioned by the laying out his lands as mentioned herein, and that they would make a just and true appraisement of all damages, and well and truly try all such other matters as should be lawfully submitted to them touching the premises, and give a true verdict therein according to the law and the Evidence given them.

Before me, William Blair, appointed to preside at this trial.

Pursuant to this Warrant I made application to the Selectmen of the towns of Springfield, Southwick and Longmeadow, three nearest disinterested towns in said county, requiring them to draw from the Jury box the names of twelve good and lawful men, to serve on the Jury herein ordered, and the said Selectmen make due return of said application as follows, to wit. from Springfield, Theodore Bliss. John R. Dixon, John Kilbon, Alfred White, Alvan Kibbe and Samuel W. Bliss; from Southwick Joseph M. Forward. Roger S. Moore. Charles K. Bingham; from Longmeadow. Luther Markham, Ethan Taylor, and Oliver Dwight and returned, as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of said towns herewith presented. I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors, to be summoned to appear before William Blair Esq. on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1843 at 9 o'clock A. M. at the house of Sandis Winchell in West Springfield. Said Blair having been appointed to preside at said trials. I notified the said parties concerned, to wit, the petitioners within named, and Patrick Boise, Esq. who was appointed by the County Commissioners to act as the agent of the County in the premises, of the time and place of empannelling said Jury. And on the said 15th day of June, A. D. 1843, I proceeded to em-

panel. said Jurors, who were duly sworn as above certified, except Theodore Bliss, who was absent, and William Child was returned to supply the deficiency; and after said Jury had chosen a foreman, by ballot, and fully heard the parties, & caused them to be by themselves, whom they agreed upon and sealed up their Verdict in the premises, which is herewith returned into Court.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

In the matter of Elisha Ashley's petition for a jury, the parties agree that a Verdict may be rendered by eleven Jurors, and that the Verdict shall be binding upon the parties, in the same manner, and have the same effect as if rendered by twelve

West Springfield June 15. 1843 } Patrick Boise, agent for County.
Lorenzo Norton, attorn for petitioners.

On the Petition of Elisha Ashley and others, the Jurors, having examined the premises, heard the several witnesses, and the parties by their Counsel, and duly considered the subject, do award and determine that the prayer of said petition, so far as the alteration of said highway is concerned, ought not to be granted.

The Jury further award, and determine, that there be allowed and paid by the County of Hampden, for the damages occasioned to said Elisha Ashley, by reason of laying said Highway over and across his lands, the sum of one hundred thirty three dollars and forty five cents.

To said Aaron Ashley, for damages to him, by reason of laying said Highway, over and across his land, the sum of One Hundred twenty two dollars and fifty four cents.

Witness our hands and seals this 15th day of June, 1843.

Jos M. Harwood, Foreman
R. S. Moore
C. M. Bingham
Luther Markham
Alvin Hibbe
William Child
Alfred White,
John Filton
John R. Hixon
Ethan Taylor
Oliver Dwight.

Which Verdict, being returned to the Court of Common Pleas, holden for the County of Hampden on the third Monday of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and having been considered and adjudicated thereon, is accepted, and allowed, and the same is ordered by said Court, to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden, for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law.

Which Verdict, having been returned to the Board of Commissioners, at this meeting, is read and accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

Selectmen of Granville petition for Discon of Road in Granville—

To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Granville, respectfully represent, that the County road recently located

across the Great Valley in said Town, upon the petition of James Cooley and others, is, in our opinion, not needed for the public benefit, and we pray, that the same may be discontinued.

When the Commissioners first came out, in pursuance of said petition, they were accompanied by the Selectmen and other Citizens of said town, to view the Mountain, and all the alteration that was contemplated or desired, in the Eastern part of the town, was some specific repairs upon the new County road, near Westfield line, and an alteration of a a short distance near the top, on the east side of the mountain. The mountain was viewed by the Commissioners, accompanied by the Selectmen and others, and it was understood, by all present, that any alteration was inexpedient, if not impracticable, and that the project of any alteration of the mountain, was wholly abandoned. And it is a matter of surprise, that we have since learnt, that a very extensive alteration has been ordered, at a great expense of labour and materials for its construction, and a large amount of damage to individuals, without any corresponding benefit to the public. As an inducement to get up said petition, it was plausibly urged, that some alteration was necessary in the mountain, to facilitate the travel, and the means of conveying large quantities of agricultural products, and other commodities from the County of Berkshire, to the Rail Road Depot at Westfield for a market. Such expectations, it is now obvious, can never be realized. It has become a matter of notoriety, that the transit of goods from the West, upon the Western Rail road, has blasted the prospects of the farmers, and all hopes of a market at the Depot to the agricultural interest in this vicinity are totally annihilated; and no Berkshire travel comes this way, for the satisfactory reason, that they can reach the cars in easier routes, and at shorter distances. The town of Granville is already cut up with Roads to an unprofitable extent, and the expense of keeping them in repair in the Summer, and shovelling and breaking through the snow in winter, is already expensive, and ruinous beyond the conception of those who do not inhabit the bleak hills of the mountain towns, and we beg to be delivered from any further accumulation of burdens, already sufficiently oppressive. Several roads have been made in this town, within a few years past, by different boards of Commissioners, which are considered by a great portion of our Citizens, of very doubtful utility, and some against the solemn remonstrance of the town, and we confidently hope, upon a due consideration of the premises, and a just regard to our interests, and those of the public, your Honorable Board will deem it their duty to discontinue said

road. Signed James Cooley
Levi Brown
Elisha F. Miner } Selectmen of
Justus Rose, Jr } Granville

Granville
10th April, 1843

The foregoing petition was Entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second tuesday of April, A. D. 1843. At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of I. N. Cooley 2d in Granville on Wednesday the 24th day of May next at at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and ofter viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the Road prayed for, Provided no person interested objects to the same, and after discontinuing to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this Order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. April 22d 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling House, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

H. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. May 24. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County hereon by him endorsed, and also having caused to be published a copy of said petition together with the

order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf made, and as required by said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises as described in said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition who desired to be heard, were of opinion that public convenience and necessity do not require that the highway, mentioned in said petition, be discontinued, and that the prayer of said petition be refused; And they so adjudicate in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the prayer of the petition Refused.

T. Williams Petition for apsesment of Damages

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents, the undersigned, that a Highway was located by your Board on the petition of Milton Testo and others, praying for locations and alterations of a Highway from the Boston road to near Chicopee in Springfield, and that part of said Highway was laid over land and buildings of the undersigned, and no damages were assessed to him. He therefore prays, that said Commissioners would apsis him such damages as he has sustained by reason of the premises and that further time may be allowed him for the removal of his buildings. Theodore Milliams

Hampden ss. Meeting of County Commissioners, June Term, 1843.

The County Commissioners having heard the petitioner on the above application, and maturely considered the same, are of opinion that he is entitled to damages by reason of the location of said Highway, and apsis damages to said Williams in the sum of one hundred and ten Dollars; and they also allow him an extension of time for removing his buildings from said Highway, till the first day of May next; and that he will not be entitled to receive the above named damages till said buildings are removed.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Oc Chapin &c Petition for apsessment of damages.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at their meeting holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Humbly shews, That in the Laying of a road on the petition

of Milton Foster and others from the Boston road, commencing westerly of the Five mile house, and running westerly towards Chicopee Falls. Said Road passes over lands of the Estate of Chester Cooley, and Titus Cooley, and that no damages were offered to either of them. This is therefore to request that your Honorable Board would assess damages upon the same, as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Orange Chapin.
Guardian to Titus Cooley.
Orange Chapin,
for Cynthia Cooley.

Springfield, June 28th 1843

Sand taken of Titus Cooley 250 yards, this there done 11.00
" " Chester Cooleys land 230 10.10

Hampden ss. At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners, June Term. 1843. On the foregoing petition, being presented, the County Commissioners having heard the petitioner on his application for damages, do consider that damages have been sustained by the parties therein named by reason of the location of said road, and assess the same as follows: To Orange Chapin, Guardian of Titus Cooley eleven Dollars 11.00
Heirs of Chester Cooley, ten dollars ten cents 10.10
The damages aforesaid to be paid when said road shall be opened, and the lands appropriated for the making the same.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Root } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde

Freeman Perkins is licensed as an Innholder, at his Stand in West Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks. Perkins

The Votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted, it appears that the whole number of votes was Three thousand two hundred and sixty; necessary for a choice, Sixteen hundred and thirty one. William Rice, had twenty nine hundred and fifty nine and was declared, by the County Commissioners, chosen, and he appears, and is sworn and gives bonds to the acceptance of said Commissioners. Votes for Treasurer.

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury viz Accounts.

To Cabron & Clark, Sundry clothing for Jail		13.83
" William Blair, Esq. presiding at Jury trials Easthampton		5.00
" Harvey Chapin, Coroner at the Examination of a New born Male child found near Highway near Chicopee Falls		3.16
" Alvin Jones Surveying Road in Brimfield June 9, 1842		1.75
" B. L. Richardson Sundry printing, blanks &c		17.87

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Alexander Waterman, May 9. 1843 — 3.00

Jurymen Francis Cummins, foreman — 1.37
Daniel Bonteeou — 1.37
William Field — 1.37
William S. Wild — 1.37
George Dwight — 1.37
Charles L. Mann — 1.37

Witnesses John L. Skinner — 58
Thomas W. Robinson — 58
William Bebee — 58
Benjamin B. Waterman — 58

Constable William Hatfield — 1.52

John B. Kirkham, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of John Cooley. May 7. 1843. — 3.48

Jurymen James H. Brooks, foreman — 1.97
Dimon Colton — 1.37
Roderick Burt — 1.37
Walter Bliss — 1.37
Joseph B. Hopkins — 1.97
G. O. Bliss — 1.37

Witnesses Belinda Cooley — 58
Henry Dodge — 58
Thomas L. Chapman M. D. — 58
Chauncy Baker — 58
William White — 58
Seth Cooley — 58
Elias Loomis — 58

Constable William Hatfield — 1.94
Richard Bliss, Clerk, Entries, Order Notices, &c — 58.39
C. Rice, Sheriff, Serving Commrs Orders on petitions &c — 31.19
A. Parsons, attending Court, &c — 35.00

Brown — Charles Brown, is licensed as an Innholder in the House on the West side of the Green, in the town of Westfield, without any family, to sell any intoxicating drinks.

H. Smith vals Petition for alterations in Road in West Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The subscribers represent, that the present County Road from the meeting house in the first Parish in Westspringfield to Harvey Smiths is overlaid and very much out of repair that the road from said Smiths to Capn Bradley's requires no alterations; they therefore pray that your Board would forthwith view the same and order such repairs and make such alterations in said road as the public convenience seems to require.

Signed — Harvey Smith & others

Westspringfield, July 16. 1839

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1839, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1839, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Henry Smith, in West Springfield on thursday the 23d day of April next at 10 o'clock A. M. the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second tuesday of April A.D. 1840. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. March 24 1840. I served the town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. April 23 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed in said County, as the laws in that behalf, directs, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, as is fully set forth and required in said order of notice, and at the time and place in said order of notice mentioned, and proceeded to view the

premises set forth and described in said order of notice, and having perused the same and heard all persons and corporations interested in said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that Common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations, improvements and specific repairs should be made in said road as prayed for in said petition, between the meeting house and said Ezra Bradleys, and do adjudge and report accordingly, the which is submitted.

James M. Woods
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners
John Ward

Which Report, being read and considered is accepted, and the Reports adjudges of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of H. W. Talmadge in WestSpringfield on the 17th day of June next, at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of WestSpringfield with an attested Copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings, to C. Boice, Esq the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Per Order of said Commissioners.
Rich^{d} Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. May 3^{d} 1841. I Served the town Clerk of West-Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Boice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. June 17. 1841. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner and form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed

in said County, as the law directs, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and stating the time and place and purpose of meeting, and also the manner of publication, as is set forth in said order and said abstract, & publication as aforesaid, and having met at the time and place in said order and abstract mentioned, and having attended to the subject matter of said petition, and considered the same, make report in part, (to wit) The Commissioners proceeded to view the Highway mentioned in said petition, and the alterations according to the prayer of said petition, were of the opinion, and accordingly order, That Specific Repairs be made, by the Inhabitants of West Springfield, in said Highway from the meeting house in West Springfield, to the top of the hill, near the barn of Harvey Stevens. They direct that the road from said meeting house to the level land, near the cleared fields, and through the woods and bushes, as the road ascends, be thrown up and made crowning; the bushes removed, and the travelled path made of the width of eighteen feet, exclusive of ditches; that the hill descending northerly towards Harvey Smiths house, be thrown up on the manner of turnpike roads, and made so crowning, as to prevent the water running in the Center, and the travelled path to be eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches: and that part of the road between said Smith's house and the top of the hill near said Stevens barn be raised in the travelled path, and made sufficiently crowning, so that the water pass in the ditches, and that five feet be taken from the bank in the corner, near said Stevens's garden, and brought down into the road, that the travelled path in this part be fifteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that the bridge South of said Stevens's house be rebuilt, and made fifteen feet wide clear and safe for passage; the whole to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October next. Report submitted.

Patrick Doyle }
Cyrus Ring } County Comms.
Hubes Hyde }

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered that no further proceedings be had, and that the petition be discontinued.

Hampden ss Sept. 6. 1843. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Dick Bliss. Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners began and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the third day of said month, and from day to day to the seventh day of October and by adjournment each twenty sixth day of October to the 27 of said month, and by adjournments on the seventh day November to the eighth day of said November and by adjournment on the thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

By Patrick Boise Esq. Chairman
" Forbes Hyde Esq
" Cyrus Knox Esq } County Commissioners

Mr Brewster's Petition for alterations of Road in Chester.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned would respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires an alteration and deviation of the Kenney Brook Road, so called, in the town of Chester leading from the Westfall Bridge to Huntington line, and praying your Honors to view the premises as soon as convenient, and make such alterations and deviations as may be deemed necessary.
Dec. 1841. (Signed) Milton Brewster & Trans.

The foregoing petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842. at which meeting it was ordered That said Commissioners meet at the house of A. Perry in Huntington on Wednesday the first day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested thereon; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. And it is ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy make return hereof with his doings to Patrick Boise, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1843 And the Sheriff of said County made his return in pursuance of the foregoing order, as follows,

Hampden ss. May 2. 1842. I served the town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C Rice. Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. At a regular meeting of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, begun and holden at Springfield in and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June 1843, The Commissioners having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner and form as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, thereon indorsed, and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition together with the order of notice hereto annexed stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners as required in said order of notice, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Republican, printed and published in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf; Forbes Kyle, one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the town of Chester, in which the road mentioned in said petition lies, did not act in the proceedings, and Alvah Rockwell, one of the Special Commissioners, having been summoned for that purpose, attended and acted as one of the board, and thus constituted, the Commissioners met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice; and proceeded to view the road and places for alterations of the same, as prayed for in said petition: and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested in the matter of said petition, and the same being continued from time to time till the present meeting, the said Commissioners are now of opinion that Common Convenience and Necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted; and they so adjudicate in the premises, and submit their Report accordingly.

Patrick Boise } County Commis.
Cyrus Knox }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted; and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling House of Barney Higgins, in Chester on Wednesday the ninth day of August next, at nine O'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and sur-

provement, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a Public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of the town of Chester with a copy of said petition, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said town of Chester, fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and improvements and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Recd 12 Sheps. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his Return as follows

Hampden ss. July 8. 1843. I gave the town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the within named petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said Town.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this Meeting the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two. On the petition of Milton Brewster and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience requires alterations and repairs of the Kinney brook road, so called, in the Town of Chester, leading from Blandford Bridge to Worthington line, and praying for a view and alterations as may be necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the first day of June then next and ten O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of A. Berry in Worthington, as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which the such alterations in said Highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said

view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said first day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred, and continued from time to time at regular meetings of the County Commissioners, till the meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty three. And after hearing all parties interested, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and said Report was made and accepted at said meeting, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the ninth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Barney Higgins, in said Chester, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to make such alterations and order such repairs as required. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for their meeting for that purpose, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said ninth day of August met and proceeded to lay out and establish the alterations, and direct and order repairs, as follows viz, One piece of Road located. Beginning on said Road at the north line of John Wheeler's land, then running on said Wheeler's land, South 7° East, 9 chains, to the intersection of the old road. And the Commissioners order as specific repairs on said road, that the travelled path be made fourteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and that the same be constructed, where it conveniently can be, nearer to the brook than it now is; that the sluices on said road be constructed fourteen feet wide, and be thoroughly cleaned and well covered with stone or substantial timber or plank; that the north entrance on to Wharfield Bridge be made wider, by wing walls or timber, and a sufficient railing on the west side so as to make the same safe for passing. All repairs to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of July 1844. Forbes Hyde, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Chester, in which said Highway is situate, did not act in the proceedings either in viewing, or locating, altering or directing repairs of the same; and Absal Rockwell, having been notified for that purpose, attended and acted as a Com-

missioner in all the proceedings. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Ural Rockwell, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations and location established as a Highway.

C. Pease et al Petition for Road in Westfield

To the County Commissioners

Gentlemen, At your December meeting, 1842 a petition was presented to your board, from a number of the inhabitants of Westfield and West Springfield to change the location to the road across the river, which had been previously laid near the line of the said towns, and to lay a road from the Ferry place in West Springfield, to intersect the road leading from Perkins Mills, to Ensigns Mill in Westfield, and from Stephen Brumfreys, to Seth Smith; and also, to intersect the old and new roads near Little Brook, so called.

The Commissioners, after giving notice, viewing and hearing all parties interested, decided against changing the location of the bridge across the river; and although there were strong objections to changing the location of the bridge, there was no opposition to a road from the South end of a bridge on the old site, to intersect the road leading to Ensigns Mills, which would accommodate the inhabitants north of the river, east of said bridge in West Springfield and South of the river, west of said bridge, in Westfield, and the north part of Southwick, and save one mile in distance. The town of West Springfield have contracted to have the bridge built, by the 1st of September next. We would, therefore, respectfully ask the Commissioners to lay and establish a road from the South end of said Bridge, westerly, to intersect the road leading to Ensigns Mills, and to connect the old and new roads near the Little Brook.

Signed, Chauncey Pease & others.

April 3. 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1843. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Wells Fowler, in Westfield, on Thursday, the 25th day of May next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided, no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said

petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town of Westfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Richard Bliss Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1843 And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. April 25. 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance thereof. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. May 25. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a true Copy, in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as by his endorsement thereon, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the order hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf made and provided, and as is required in said order. Patrick Boise, Chairman of the Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which the road mentioned in said petition is situated, did not act on the subject matter thereof; and Algal Bothwell, one of the Special Commissioners, having been summoned for that purpose, attended and acted as one of said Commissioners; and the Board thus constituted, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises and the places contemplated for a Highway, according to the prayer of said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations interested who desired to be heard, on the subject of said petition, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they so adjudicated

in the premises, and accordingly make their report

Cyprus Knox } County
Forbes Hyde } Commissioners
Uriel Rockwell Special Commissr.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Petitioners adjudged of public convenience and necessity

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Seth Chapman in Westfield, on Thursday the tenth day of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said Road, by publishing a copy of said adjudication and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, Serve the Clerk of the Town of Westfield, with a copy of said adjudication, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield, fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Road and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Road.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 7th 1843. I Served the town clerk of Westfield with an attested Copy of the within adjudication, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted copies thereof in two public places in said town.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissions make their Report in writing as follows, viz

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three, On the Petition of Chauncey Pease and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and telling forth that a Road should be established from the South end of a Bridge to be erected across Westfield River, westerly, to intersect the road leading from Ensign's Mills, and also to connect the old and new roads near the Little Brook in Westfield, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty fifth day of May then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the House of Wells Fowler in Westfield,

on the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such location of a highway prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty fifth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield, aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a Highway be located within the termini mentioned in said petition, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the tenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in said Westfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highways, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting, and hearing the persons interested, on claims for damages, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said tenth day of August met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition, as follows, to wit,

Beginning near the South end of a Bridge, called Morleys Bridge, at a Buttonwood Staddle, near the line of West Springfield, and running on the north line of said road, on land of Sylvanus G. Morley, N. 67° 15' W 0.40 Chains to Westfield line; then same course, 0.77 chs to the lower side of a hemlock marked on the north side; then N. 75° 30' W. 1.25 chs. to the lower side of a

marked Hemlock; then N. 76° 30 W. 3.12 chs: N. 79° W. 1.37 chs: N. 69°. 30' W. 1.40 chs; N. 76° W 1.80 chs; N 69° 30 W. 2.80 chs; N 72° 15 W 1.80 chs; N. 60° 30' W. 1.85 chs to a Chesnut tree; N 77° W. 1.58 chs. to a stake; then S. 87° 45' W. 1.12 chs, to land of Ashbel Dewey; same course 4.73 chs. to a maple staadle, partly on land of said Ashbel and partly on land of said Sylvanus G. Morley; then S. 70° 45' W. 3.58 chs. to a small apple tree; then S 60° 45' W. 9.06 chs. to a stake on the north side of the road leading from Westfield to Feeding Hills, by the way of Ensign's Mills. Also, another small piece of Road, connecting the old and new roads from Ensign's Mills, to Feeding Hills: Beginning at a stake the westerly side of said old road, on Edwin Brewer's land and running on his land N. 30° 30' E 2.15 Chains, to an Elm tree, on the South side of the Brook; then N. 90° E. 0.63 chs. partly on land of said Brewer, and partly on land of Sylvanus G. Morley, to the new road from said Ensign's Mills, to Feeding Hills and after making said locations, the Commissioners, agreeably to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in damages, who desired to be heard, and made their assessment of damages as follows:

To Ashbel Dewey	seventy Dollars	70.00
" Sylvanus G Morley	fifty Dollars	50.00
" Edwin Brewer,	two Dollars	2.00

Patrick Boise, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which said roads are situated, did not act with the Board in the proceedings in viewing or laying out said Roads, and Alzal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner of the County, being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board as in such cases provided. In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made Sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that in making of said road, near the river, it be builded as near the lower side as may be, and secured next the river by laying of timbers cross-ways of said road and running into the bank, and sufficiently raised and fastened, to prevent the washing away by freshets: that the growing timber near the bank of the river, be left standing, to secure said bank from washing away: that Sufficient Sluices be made, to keep the water thoroughly drained from the travelled path. The whole of said road to be made and completed, to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the inhabitants of Westfield, by the first day of July, 1844. All which is Submitted, and accepted.

Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Ryle }
Alzal Rockwell, Special Commr

Which Report, being read and considered, is accepted, and the Roads established as Highways.

S. M. Bliss et al Petition for Roads in Wilbraham

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham, respectfully represent that the Selectmen of said town of Wilbraham did on the 15th day of May last past, lay out, or make alterations in the old roads for the use of said town, the following described roads.

First. Beginning at an Elm tree, at the northerly corner of John Brewer's Mountain Wood Lot, on the East side of the mountain road, so called; thence E. 40° N. 13 2/25 rods to a stake; thence north 39° E 10 rods to the north line of Ephraim Fuller's land; thence same course 32 16/25 rods to a stake; thence E. 42° N. 7 rods to William Brewers land; thence same course, on William Brewer's land 29½ rods to Mr Rindge's land; thence same course, across a corner of Rindges' land 6 rods to the Mountain Road, to be two and one half rods wide, and lie on the westerly side of said course.

Second. Beginning at Roswell Phelps' house, in said Wilbraham, thence west 12¼° N. 88 rods on said Phelps' land 3 rods wide; thence N. 20½° E 34½ rods; thence N. 20° E 39 rods; thence N. 5° W. 18 rods; thence N. 15° north 6 rods; thence N. 32° W. 64 rods to the Monument, at the line which separates Wilbraham from Springfield, 2½ rods wide, containing a distance of 214½ rods and to lie on the Southerly side of said course. Which said Roads as laid out by the Selectmen aforesaid, were reported to the Inhabitants of said town, at a meeting held for that purpose, on the 5th day of June current, and the town did unreasonably refuse to allow and accept of the same. Your petitioners now pray that you will view said roads as laid out or altered by the said Selectmen, and approve and allow of them, or make such alterations in said roads as your Honors shall think the public wants require, as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Samuel M. Bliss. & others

Wilbraham June 26. 1843.

The foregoing Petition

was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Baldwin in Wilbraham, on Friday the eighteenth day of August next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon: and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham in this County, thirty days at least before the said 18th day of August and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered,

by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the Town of Wilbraham fourteen days before said 18th day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich° Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows.

Hampden ss. July 15. 1843 I served the town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling House, and posted in two public places in said Town, a Copy of said petition and order thereon, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. C. Pease, Sheriff.

And now, the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three. On the petition of Samuel M. Bliss and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Selectmen of Wilbraham, on the fifteenth day of May last past, laid out for the use of the town two roads described in said petition; that the Inhabitants of said town had unreasonably refused to accept of the locations of said Roads, and praying the Commissioners to view said roads and approve and allow of them, or make such alterations as the public wants require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the Eighteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Baldwin, in Wilbraham, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham, being the town within which such locations of Roads are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also Caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and

place for Commencing said view. And on the said eighteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners, then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and having continued the further consideration thereof, till the next regular meeting of the County Commissioners, to be holden at Springfield, in said County, on the first tuesday of October then next. And now, at said meeting, the said Commissioners do adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require that the Highways described in said petition be established as Townways in said Wilbraham, and the Commissioners approve and allow the same as located by the Selectmen of said town, according to the minutes and surveys following (to wit) One Town way. Beginning at an Elm tree, at the northaly corner of John Brewer's mountain Wood Lot on the East side of the mountain road, so called; thence East 40° N. 13 2/25 rods to a stake; N. 39° E. 10 rods to the north line of Ephraim Fuller's land; same course, 22 18/25 Rods to a stake; then E. 42° N 7. rods, to William Brewer's land; then same Course, on William Brewer's land, 29½ rods, to Mr Ringes' land; then same Course, across a corner of said Ringes' land, 6 rods to the mountain road, to be two and half rods wide, and to lie on the westerly side of said course. One other Town way Beginning at Roswell Phelps's house in said Wilbraham, thence W 12½° N. 88 rods on said Phelps's land, three rods wide; thence W. 21½° S 34½ rods; thence W. 20° S. 39 rods; thence W 5° N. 18 rods; thence W. 15° N. 6 rods; then W. 32° N. 64 rods to the monument at the line which Separates Wilbraham from Springfield, to be two and a half rods wide, after the distance mentioned on first Course. Whole distance 249½ rods. and laid on Southerly side of said Courses. And the said Commissioners not having heard any sufficient objection to the Establishment of said Town ways, do approve of and allow the same. And they further Order, that said Town ways, as located and above described, be entered and recorded by the Town Clerk of Wilbraham, and become a part of the records of said Town; and that this Order be transmitted to the town Clerk of said town accordingly. All which is submitted, and accepted.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Ivory
Wolves Hyde,
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read, and considered is accepted; and the Roads Established as Town ways

W. Shepard et al Petition for Repairs in Road in Chester

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Chester etc hereby represent to your Honorable body, that the Walton Bridge (so said Chester) near the house of John Sisk in said Chester, was carried away by flood, the past winter, and in consequence of the Turnpike Corporation formerly owning said bridge, have neglected rebuilding or building said bridge and thereby causing great detriment and inconvenience to the public travel passing on said road. We, the undersigned request your honorable body to take into consideration the subject of said bridge, and view and cause the same to be built, should public necessity require it, and at as early period as may be consistent in such cases. Also to view and cause repairs to be made on said road, leading from John Sisks in Chester to Blandford line, being a part of the English Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation

Signed William Shepard and others.

Chester Factory, July 18 1843

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord, 1843. and by adjournment on the 19th day of August, 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, and therefor, give notice, that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling House of Abigail Collins, in Chester, on Friday the twenty seventh day of September next, at 2 o'clock, P.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said twenty second day of September, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chester fourteen days before said twenty second day of September, and that notice be given, in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid

Mich[a]l Bliss. Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Aug 23. 1843. I served the town Clerk of

Chester with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in said town an attested containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. At the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August, 1843. On the petition of William Richard and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Walton Bridge in said Chester, near the house of John Leek, in said Chester, was carried away by flood the past winter and in consequence of the Turnpike Corporation formerly owning said Bridge, have neglected repairing or building said bridge, and thereby causing great detriment and inconvenience to the public travel passing on said road, and requesting the Commissioners to view said Bridge, and the road, being a part of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike, from said Leek to Blandford line, and to make such orders for repairs in said road as public necessity requires, as by said petition on file, will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the twenty second day of September then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Abigail Collins in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such Road and such repairs are prayed for, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty second day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield, aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and it appearing that the pe-

titioners and the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, by the Selectmen, as their agents, and also the agent of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, giving his consent thereto, and desiring that so much of said Turnpike as is located in said Chester from the west end of Hatton Bridge to the Town line of Blandford, on land of Martin Phelps, be laid out and established as a Common Highway, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common convenience and necessity require that so much of said Turnpike of the 8th Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, in the Town of Chester as is located between the Western termination of Hatton Bridge, near the house of John Seitt, and the town line of Blandford on land of Martin Phelps, should be laid out as a common Highway. And at the time of said view of the premises no person or Corporation interested appearing to object to the laying out of said turnpike as a Highway, the Commissioners proceeded forthwith to lay out and establish the aforesaid part of said Turnpike as a Common Highway according to the survey, and within the same limits as heretofore established for said Turnpike Corporation. The Commissioners ordering that Hatton Bridge be rebuilt by the Inhabitants of the town of Chester on the site where the former bridge stood; that the same be made of good materials, and be constructed fourteen feet in the clear, and be finished so as to be safe for travel by the first day of December next, and that the whole of said Road be put in good repair by that time. And said Commissioners having heard the parties on claims for damages, and maturely considering the same on application of the Inhabitants of the town of Chester for an allowance for rebuilding Hatton Bridge, the Commissioners award them in damages therefor One Hundred and twenty five Dollars 125.00

Forbes Hyde one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the town of Chester, did not act with the Board in any part of their proceedings, and Uzal Rockwell a Special Commissioner of the County, having been notified, appeared and acted as one of the Commissioners. And the Board thus constituted, make and submit their Report Accepted.

Patrick Boise } County Commis.
Cyrus Knox }
Uzal Rockwell, Special Commis.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted. And the Road established as and for a Highway.

L. Bonney Lorana Bonney is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by her on the Hill, in the Town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks

Cady

George Cady is licensed as an Innholder at the place called the Exchange Hotel, in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the Treasury of the County, viz.

To Caleb Rice, Sheriff, for Serving Orders of Notice	16.46
" Richard Bliss, Clerk for Juries, Jobbs, &c	40.52
" Noah Clark, Under Keeper of the Jail, from 1st day of April, to 1st day of Oct: 1843	74.67
" Elijah Blake, Overseer of House of Correction	5.00
" Solomon Haleh " "	5.00
" Harvey Chapin " "	5.00
" James M. Crooks 6 Cords Wood	24.00
" George W. Callender Binding Books, Register Office	8.08
" Sewing Gloves, Candles	6.33
" B. C. Richardson Blanks, Probate & Clerk	17.25
" Wm. H. Butler Surveying	6.40
" O. B. Morris Aqueduct privilege 1 Year	6.00
" Palmer & Clark Clothing for prisoners	13.25
" Ingalsbee & Bailey Blankets & Salt	28.52
" Lee & Herrington, Brooms	1.50
" Levi Shaw Taking Care of Three River Bridge, &c.	1.50
" Amasa Parsons attendg Probate Court, Taking Care of Court House, &c.	35.50

Hampden ss. December 13th 1843 All matters not acted on, are ordered to be Continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Richd Bliss. Clerk.

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Dec 1842.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the Fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty sixth day of said December, and from day to day to the twenty ninth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty three, and by adjournment on the Eighteenth day of January and from day to day to the 21st day of said & by adjt. until the 7th day of February to the 8th day of said month, & by adjt. to the 23d day of said month, & by adjt. on the 12th day of March, & by adjt. on the 27th day of March to the 28th in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & forty four.

By Patrick Boise, Esq. Chairman
" Cyrus Knox Esq } County Commissioners.
" Forbes Hyde Esq. }

I Nye et als Petition for Road in Blandford

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers respectfully represent, that in the month of April, A. D. 1836. the town of Blandford voted to discontinue a part of the public road in the northeasterly part of said Town, leading from Blandford to Chester, (viz) That part of said Road from Jonathan Nyes' east line in said Blandford, to Chester line, near to where it intersects the Turnpike near Perley Cooks, in said Chester, much to the damage and inconvenience of your petitioners, and the public generally: And your Petitioners would further represent, that the Selectmen of said Blandford, have been respectfully petitioned to again open said road, which they have neglected and refused so to do. Your petitioners now pray that you would view, open and lay out, such Highway from Jonathan Nye's East line as aforesaid, to the Turnpike near Perley Cooks, in said Chester, as your Honors shall think the public wants require, as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Jonathan Nye & others.

June 6th 1842.

The foregoing petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at house of Widow A Collins at Chester Village, on Wednesday the tenth day of August at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to meet at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said Petition, by publishing a copy

of said petition and the order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Gaz, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, leave the town Clerks of Brandford and Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1842. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 8th 1842. I served the town Clerks of Brandford and Chester each, with an attested copy of this petition, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their respective dwelling houses, and also posted, in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. August 10. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the Return of the Sheriff of the said County, thereon endorsed by him, and also by Causing to be published a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice made thereon, stating the time place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Hampden Post, as required by law in that behalf, and as is set forth and directed in said order of notice, and at the time and place mentioned in said order, and proceeded to view the places and the way as described in said petition; and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard in the premises, the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that a Highway be located as prayed for in said petition; And they make their adjudication accordingly, and submit their report in the premises.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox
Forbes Kyle
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting, it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Widow A. Collins in Chester, on Wednesday the 23 day of November next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after hearing to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Blandford and Chester, each, with an attested Copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Rick Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 22. 1842. I served the town clerks of Blandford and Chester, each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at the dwelling house of each, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

O. Rice. Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two, On the petition of Jonathan Nye and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and telling forth that the Inhabitants of the town of Blandford, in the month of April, 1836, voted to discontinue a Road in said Blandford, from said Jonathan Nyes' east line in Blandford, to Chester line, near to where it intersects the Turnpike by Perley Cooke, in said Chester, to the damage of the petitioners and the public generally; that the petitioners applied to the Selectmen in said Blandford, to open said Road again, and that they have refused to do so; Wherefore they pray that the Commissioners will view and lay out a Highway where the former one was, or in such place as the public wants requires, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed

Wednesday the tenth day of August then next, and ten O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Abigail Collins in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blandford and Chester being the towns within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said Towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said tenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and having heard all parties interested in the prayer of said petition, the Commissioners were of opinion that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they so adjudicated on the subject matter thereof, and made and submitted their Report at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October then next, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty third day of November then next, and ten Oclock in the forenoon, at the house of Abigail Collins in Chester as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said Highway, and hear all parties interested on the subject of damages. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing the parties, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty third day of November, met and proceeded to locate and establish a Town Highway in said Blandford as follows, to wit:

Beginning at Jonathan Nye's and James Crooks' division line, and running a center line in the old Road on said Crooks' land, N. 46° E. 1.56 chains; N. 35° 45' E 5.00 chs; N. 18° 15 E. 5.00 chs; N. 5° 45 E. 2.31 chs; N. 25° 30 5.00 chs; N. 19° E 7.20 chs. to a pair of bars bearing from the Southwest corner of said Crooks' barn, S. 87° W.; then N. 13° 30. E. 3.00 chs; N. 23° 30 E 3.50 chs; N. 34° 45 E. 4.00 chs; N. 26° E 3.75 chs; N. 69° 30. E. 1.60 chs. to Martin Phelps' land; then on said Phelps' land N. 69° 30- 2.10 chs; S. 73° E. 2.00 chs; S. 53° E. 2.72 chs; N. 70° 15 E. 1.00 chs; N. 30° 15 E. 1.88 chs;

N. 11° 15 E. 2·50 chs; N. 25° 15 E. 1·65 chs. to a bar way; N. 15° 30 W. 0·40 chs. to Perley Cooks' land; then on said Cooks land N. 15° 30 W. 4·10 chs; N. 3° 45 E. 3·32 chs; N. 41° E. 3·25 chs: N. 2° 45 W. 2·56 chs; N. 52° E. to the line of the town of Chester. Said Highway is said two rods wide. And after Surveying and locating said Highway, the Commissioners, agreeable to notice, proceeded to hear all persons interested, on the subject of damages, and having heard them, the further consideration of adopting the location of said Highway, and of the assessment of damages, was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, to be holden at Springfield in and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and was from said meeting, adjourned from time to time, till the regular meeting of said Commissioners, holden at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December, eighteen hundred and forty three, when a Report of said location was made and accepted. And damages were assessed to the persons and in the sums as follows (to wit)

To James Crooks One hundred and twenty Dollars 120.00
" Martin Phelps, thirty Dollars 30.00

The above sums assessed as damages, the Commissioners direct to be paid by and be a charge upon the Inhabitants of the said Town of Blandford. In the opening, making and repairing said Highway, as the same is located more for the accommodation of private persons, than for the public, or for the Inhabitants of the town at large, the Commissioners gave no directions to said Town of Blandford how to construct the same; but leave it for the Individuals most accommodated, to open, make and repair the same; Reserving to said James Crooks, the right to make and maintain across said road, a dry bridge, for the use of his cattle and for his accommodation in the improvement of his pasturage. All which is submitted. December meeting 1843.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Forbes Ryle

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Way established as a public Highway.

S. Sumbard Petition for a Jury.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden.

Your petitioner respectfully represents, that the town way lately laid out by your Board, in the easterly part of Brimfield, leading from Elijah Sumbards to the guide board near Ebastus Sumbards, is not located in the best place on your petitioners land, nor have your Board awarded him any damages. He therefore prays your Board for a Committee or Jury to alter the location of said Way, and to award your petitioner reasonable damages, and the bearer, William M. Ward is duly authorized to agree with you for the said Committee

Brimfield Dec. 26, 1842.

Samuel Sumbard

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec A.D. 1842 and Continued to the meeting holden on the fourth tuesday of June A.D. 1843. At which meeting the parties agreed on a Committee to estimate the damages, and alter the location of said road if they should deem it expedient and the Commissioners ordered that a warrant issue accordingly.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. To Joseph Cummins, Joseph L. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown, all freeholders in said County, and disinterested persons, Greeting.

[L.S.] Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden holden at Springfield within and for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two, Samuel Sumbard preferred his petition representing that the Town way, laid out by said Commissioners in the Easterly part of Brimfield, leading from Elijah Sumbards to the guide board, near Erastus Sumbards is not located in the best place over lands of said petitioner; and that said Commissioners have not awarded the said Sumbard any damages, and praying for a Committee or Jury to alter the location of said way, and award the said Sumbard reasonable damages: Which said road is laid as follows:

Beginning one and a half rods north of the north west corner of Elijah Sumbards barn; thence running on the south side of said road. E 22° S. twenty three rods to stone bridge; E 29° S. 8 rods; S. 40° E. 10½ rods; S 14½° E. 14½ rods; E. 22° S 13½ rods; E. 12° N. 7 rods; E. 31° N. 4 rods, to an Oak staddle; N 41° E. 10 rods; N 35° E. 6 rods 10 links; On Loren Clarks' land; N 22° E. 26 rods; N 24° E. 16 rods 15 links; N 33½° E. 10 rods 9 links; N. 27° E. 12½ rods. On Harvey Sumbards land N 39° E. 33 rods 13 links; N 21° E 71 rods 7 links; N 26½° E. 20 rods 5 links. On Samuel Sumbards land. N 26½° E. 15 rods; N. 26° E. 10 rods. On Harvey Sumbards land N 26° E. 9 rods. On Samuel Sumbards N 42½° E. 11 rods; N. 45° E. 10 rods; N 60½° E. 12 rods; N 72½° E 3 rods 7 links; E. 3° S. 9 rods; E 15° S 2 rods 10 links; E 25½° S 6 rods; E 1° N. 3 rods 15 links, to the north east corner of S Sumbards barn; E. 20° N. 39 rods 18 links. On Erastus Sumbards land. E. 20° N. 15 rods, to Sturbridge road. Said road is laid three rods wide

The aforesaid petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth thursday of June A. D. eighteen hundred and forty three at which said meeting the petitioner appeared and agreed with the County Commissioners upon Joseph Cummins, Joseph L. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown, as a Committee to estimate said damages, and to make the proposed alterations, if in their opinion, any ought to be made.

It is therefore Ordered by the County Commissioners, that you Joseph Cummings, Joseph L Reynolds and Joseph Brown be a Committee to view the premises And you are to be under Oath faithfully and impartially to estimate the damages Sustained by the said petitioner, and perform the other duties assigned to you And you are to give due notice to the said Samuel Sumbard of the time and place of your meeting to view the Premises and attend said Service The County having appointed an Agent to appear before you requires no further notice. And you are to make return of your doings herein, under your hands to the Court of Common Pleas, which Shall be holden for said County next after you Shall have completed said Service. By Order of the County Commissioners

Rick° Bliss Clerk.

Hampden ss August 22 1843 Personally appeared Joseph Cummings, Joseph L Reynolds and Joseph Brown, and made Oath that they would faithfully and impartially perform the duties assigned them by the above warrant

Before me Patrick Boyd. Just. Peace.

Hampden ss August 23. 1843. To the Hon. Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the Second Monday of Octobr next.

The Subscribers appointed a Committee by the foregoing Warrant having given notice as therein required, and having met the parties at the house of Daniel N Green innholder in Brimfield agreable to notice, and having viewed the premises, and heard the parties relative to altering the location, and subject of damages, we were of opinion that no alteration in the location was necessary or expedient, and we have awarded Samuel Sumbard the petitioner no damage and think he Sustains none, And Submit our Report accordingly.

Joseph Cummings.
Joseph Brown.
Joseph L Reynolds.

Which Report being returned to the Court of Common Pleas holden for the County of Hampden on the Second Monday of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and having been considered and adjudicated upon by the Court, was accepted, and the same was ordered to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County, for the further action and proceedings thereon according to law. Which Report having been returned to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

Selectmen of Holland petitioned for Sum.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(L S.) Hampden ss. To the Sheriff of our County of Hampden, Greeting.

Whereas, at a regular meeting of the County Commis=

sioners for the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the Second Tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. The Inhabitants of the town of Holland, in said County, by the Selectmen of said town, duly authorized preferred their petition to the County Commissioners, representing that on the petition of Moses C Sessions and others, praying for a Road commencing at the Connecticut line, south east of Gardner Wallis' Mill, in Holland, from thence northerly to intersect the old road from Holland to Union, and from thence make such alterations and repairs in the old road until it reaches the four corners, little east of Elisha Kinneys Tavern in said Holland, and such proceedings having been had thereon, that a road and alterations had been located by said County Commissioners, and the return thereof duly made and accepted at a meeting thereof, on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1842 at Springfield aforesaid, which said road and alterations were laid as follows, to wit, Commencing at a stake and stones, on a line between Union, in the State of Connecticut and the town of Holland at the termination of a road recently laid out in said Union; thence N. 10¼° W. 20 rods and 14 links, to stake and stones, near the south bank of the stream; thence N. 8¼° W. 35 R. 9 L. to stakes and stones; thence N. 13¼° E. 42 R. 7 L. to stake and stones; N. 23¾° E. 5 R. to the centre of the travelled path of the road, leading from Rinaldo Wallis, to Union line; N 41¼° E. 20 R: N. 45¼° E. 30 R to stake and stones, at the end of a road; N. 34¼° E. 9 R. 7 L. to an apple tree, the south side of the Highway leading by said Wallis; N. 25° E. 66 R. to stake and stones; N. 28° E. 23¼ R. to stake and stones N. 34¼° E. 33¾ R to stake and stones; N. 32° E. 34¾ R. to stake and stones; N. 25° E. 36¾ R. to stake and stones; N. 37° E. 36 R. to stakes and stones; N. 33¼° E 24 R. to stake and stones; N. 13¼ E. 62 R. to a poplar tree, intersecting the old road near the old Perrin House. The line of said Road is run in the centre, which is laid 3 rods wide.

Also, an alteration of the old road South of Kinney's Tavern, beginning north of a small bridge at stake and stones; then N. 14° W. 6 R. 18 L.; N. 23¼ W 4 R. 20 L. to stake and stones; N. 41° W. 7 R. 14 L. to stake and stones; N. 47¼° W. 9 R. 17 L. to stake and stones, intersecting the old road. Said courses and distances are taken on the west line of said alteration, and on land of Rhodolphus Webber. And also representing that said road was not located on the best route between the termini and would be in the construction vastly more expensive to the town and county, than another and different route, which would be much more conducive to the genral good of the public, and convenience of said

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inhabetants, and praying that a Jury may be ordered to change and alter the said road, and the location thereof, between the termini in said petition stated. And whereas, at said meeting first before mentioned, the petitioner having caused a sufficient recognizance to be given, agreeably to the provisions of law, said petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners on the 4th Tuesday of June last, when it was by said Commissioners Ordered and directed, that the Sheriff of said County summon a Jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matters of complaint set forth in the petition for such Jury, and to decide all such matters as should legally come before them on such hearing: You are, therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby required forthwith to summon a Jury of twelve men for the purpose aforesaid, agreeably to the provisions of law in such case made and provided. And to this end, you are to require in writing the Selectmen of the three towns nearest the premises, not interested in the question, to return a number of persons not less than two, nor more than six from any one town, unless in case of necessity. And if, by reason of challenges or otherwise, there shall not be a full Jury of the persons summoned, you are to return some suitable person de talibus circumstantibus, to supply the deficiency; which said Jury are to be sworn well and truly to try all such matters as shall be lawfully submitted to them, under the said Complaint, and to give a true verdict thereon according to the law and the evidence given them. And you, the said Sheriff, are appointed to preside at said trial, and to decide all questions of law, arising thereon which would be proper for the decision of a Judge. And you are to direct the Jury upon any question of law, when requested by either party, and to certify the substance of such your decision or directions to the Court of Common Pleas, at the request of either party. You are to give reasonable notice of the time and place of meeting to the parties concerned, and especially to Patrick Boise, who is appointed by said Commissioners, to act as the Agent for and in behalf of the County, in the premises. The said Jury are to be summoned and give their Verdict under their hands within three months next after the thirtieth day of June last, and the Verdict so given, to be returned to the first then next term of the Court of Common Pleas, to be held in and for said County of Hampden, that said Court may adjudicate thereon, agreeably to the provisions of law. And you are to certify to the Court your own travel and attendance, and that of each Juror.

Witness Patrick Boise, Esquire, Chairman of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, this eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

and forty three.

Hampden ss. August 24. A. D. 1843. Then personally appeared Eldridge Phillips, James Tenteleott, John R. Bean, Allen Bloodgett, jr James Nutting, Johnson, Bixby, William Foskett, Bartholomew Potter, Abel Bradway, Jun and Amos Hitchcock Jurors Impannelled in the foregoing Case and made solemn Oath, that they would well and truly try all such matters as should be lawfully Submitted to them touching the Premises, and give a true Verdict thereon according to the Law and the evidence given them.

Before me Caleb Rice, Sheriff of Said County of Hampden.

Pursuant to this warrant, I made application to the selectmen of the Towns of Brimfield, Monson and Wales, three nearest disinterested Towns in said county requiring them to draw from the Jury Box the names of twelve good and lawful men of said towns, to serve on the Jury herein ordered, and the said Selectmen make due return of Said applications as follows, to wit, from Brimfield, James Tenteleott, Amos Hitchcock, James Nutting, Johnson Bixby and William Foskett, from Monson, Eldridge Phillips, John R. Bean, Abel Bradway jr., Bartholomew Potter, and Alden Bloodgett, jr. were returned, as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of Said towns, herewith presented, and said town of Wales did not make return of any Juror. I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors, to be Summoned to appear before me, on thursday the Twentyfourth day of August A. D. 1843, at 9 O'clock A. M. at the house of Elisha Kinney in Holland, and on the twentyfourth day of August aforesaid I notified the said Parties concerned, to wit, the petitioners within named and Patrick Boise, Esq. who was Appointed by the County Commissioners, to act as the agent of the County in the Premises, of the time and place of Impannelling said Jury. And on the said twenty fourth day of August, A. D. 1843, I proceeded to impannel said Jurors who were duly sworn as above certified by me; and after said Jury had chosen a foreman by ballot and fully heard the parties, I caused them to be by themselves, when they agreed upon and Sealed up their Verdict in the Premises, which is herewith returned into Court. The town of Wales not having returned two jurors as required, the parties agreed to a jury of ten, as appears by agreement hereto annexed.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

On the petition of the Town of Holland for a Jury to make alterations in the road lately laid out by the County Commissioners, on the petition of Moses H. Sessions and others, it is agreed by said town, and the Agent for the County, that said Jury may consist of ten, instead of twelve men, two not having been returned from the town of Wales.

The Inhabitants of Holland By

B. D. Hyde. attorJ.

Patrick Boise, Agent of the County of Hampden.

The Jury on the Petition of the Town of Holland, having heard the parties and witnesses, and the arguments

of Counsel, and duly considered the matter submitted to them, hereby find that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted, and that the location of said road as made by the County Commissioners ought not to be changed.

Eldridge Phillips, Foreman
Jazziah Southellott
John R. Keep
Alden Blodget, Jun.
James Stilling

Johnson Bixby
William Foskit
Bartholomew Potter
Abel Bradway, Jun
Amos Stilchcock.

Which Verdict being returned to the Court of Common Pleas holden for the County of Hampden, on the second Monday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and having been considered and adjudicated upon by the Court, was accepted, and the same was ordered to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law. Which Verdict having been returned to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded

S. Pease et al Petition for Road in Ludlow

To the County Commissioners for the County Hampden

Respectfully Represent the undersigned inhabitants of Ludlow, in said County, that public convenience and necessity require, that the Highway from Sunksville to Ludlow City, So called, in said Ludlow, leading by the House of Simeon Pease should be altered, so as to make the same of a suitable width for travel. They therefore Pray that Your Board will view and alter the same and that such proceedings may be had in the premises, as the law prescribes

(Signed) Simeon Pease and others.

Ludlow April 1843.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord 1843. And now upon the Petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow, on Wednesday the fifteenth day of August next at 9 o'clock A.M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the Town of Ludlow, in said County thirty days at least, before the said sixteenth day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Com-

missioners. that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this Order be posted up by said Sheriffs or Deputy in two public places in the town of Ludlow fourteen days before said 16th day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. Richd Bliss Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1843.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 15. 1843. I Served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this Petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house. and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice. Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three. On the petition of Simeon Pease and others. then presented to said Commissioners. Representing and setting forth, that public Convenience and necessity require, that the Highway from Sunderville, to Ludlow, City, so called in said Ludlow, leading by the house of Simeon Pease, should be altered, so as to make the same, of a suitable width for travel. and praying that the Commissioners would view the same, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the Sixteenth day of August then next. and nine O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ashley Hayden, in Ludlow, as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be Served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such alterations and locations of the Highway are prayed for. thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view. and also caused copies of said petition to be Posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy, to be published three weeks successively in The Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view. and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time

and place for commencing said view. And on the said Sixteenth day of August aforesaid the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said highway be altered and made of more convenient width, as prayed for in said petition and submit their Report accordingly.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Bliss
Forbes Tuttle
} County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered was accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Dwelling House of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow on Tuesday the twenty first day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of November. And it is further ordered, that the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, in two public places in said town of Ludlow, fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of November, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said roads.

Rich[d] Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. Oct 21. 1843. I served the town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of the within named petition and this order thereon, by leaving the same at his Dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract of said petition. Containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice. Sheriff.

Doc now the Commissioners make their Repat in writing as follows:
Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said
County on the fourth tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and forty three. On the Petition of Simeon
Pease and others, then presented to said Commissioners, repre-
senting and setting forth, that the Highway leading from
Sonkerville to Ludlow City, so called, by the house of Simeon
Pease, should be so altered as to make the same of a
suitable width for travel, as by said petition on file will
appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the
premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fifteenth day
of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon,
at the house of Ashley Hayden, in said Town of Ludlow
as the time and place for viewing the premises, and
Caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such
alteration of said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view, and also caused
copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in
said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested
by causing a like copy to be published three weeks Suc-
cessively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication of said
Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time ap-
pointed for said view; and before said view was had, said
Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described
in the foregoing notice of the Petition, to all persons interested
of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the
said fifteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time
and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and
having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was
deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners
held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first tuesday of October
then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and
after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge
that Common convenience and necessity require, that
the existing travelled Highway be so far altered as that
the same be laid wider, and sundry specific repairs
ordered to be made thereon, and after adjudicating
as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the
twenty first day of November then next, and nine
o'clock in the forenoon, at the house lately Kept by Ashley
Hayden in said Ludlow, as the time and place when
and where they would meet, and proceed to Locate al-
terations in said Highway, and the said Commission-
ers having given notice of the adjudication and the
time and place appointed for the meeting to make

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said alterations by causing to be published, in the Hampden Washingtonian, the petition and order of notice, in the same manner as the notice and publication were given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of November met at the time and place appointed on the said twenty first day of November, when, by reason of stormy weather the Commissioners were unable to attend to the business of their appointment, and said meeting was adjourned till Tuesday the fifth day of December then next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon, at the same place and notice was given by them of the time and place of said adjournment: and on said fifth day of December the Commissioners met, and proceeded to locate and establish a Highway as follows:

Beginning at the Town line between Ludlow and Granby the stone monument near Alonzo Warners house, being the northern limits of the road. Said Highway to be laid three rods wide, and the courses taken in the center of the road. First Course South 54° East. 40½ rods; S. 63° E 23 rods; S 48½° E 15 rods to the front of Henry Damons house, a maple tree within his fence marked for the west side of the road; then S 3¾ E. 13 rods to a small Elm on the west side, marked; S. 35° E 15 rods; S 9¼° E. 15 rods; S 4° E 11 rods, the end of James W. Kendalls house, made the eastern limit of the road; S 6° E. 11 rods; S 20½° E. 19 rods; S 23° E. 17 rods to Lyons road; S. 14° 15 E. 7 rods; S 12½° E. 33 rods; S 9¾° E 23½ rods; S. 21° 45 E. 57 rods; S 17½° E. 37 rods; S 10¼° E. 20 rods; S. 9½° E. 23 rods; S 15½° E. 56 rods, to the north brow of the hill; S. 12½° E. 24 rods; S 9¾° E. 26 rods; S 7° E. 13 rods; S 1° W. 17 rods to the South brow of the hill; S 2° E. 12 rods; S. 12½° E. 32 rods, crossing a small bridge; S 36¾° E. 21 rods; S. 39½° E. 42 rods a little south of Ezekiel Fullers house; then S 9° E. 30 rods; S 9½° E. 12½ rods; S. 19° E. 12 rods, to a point east of Moses Roods well post; S 29° E. 23½ rods; S 12° E 5 rods in front of Josiah Aldens 2° house; S. 4° W. 4 rods; S 25° W. 15 rods; S 3¾ W. 15 rods; S 23° W. 37 rods to the front of Moses Roods old house; S 1½ E. 33 rods; S 4½° W. 19 rods; S 20° W. 5 rods; S. 49° W. 30 rods; S 47° W. 33½ rods; S 40° W 4½ rods to the front of Simeon Pegases' house; then S. 30¾° W. 27 rods; S. 31½° W 22 rods; S 22° W 29 rods to the front of Gates Willys house; S 24½° W. 36½ rods; S 13¾° W 64½ rods to a point 1½ rods East of a White Oak tree, a little north of Higbee brook; S 1½° E. 35 rods; S 2° E 13 rods; S 2° 30' W 13½ rods; S 4½° W 65 rods; S 7½° W. 42 rods, a marsh on both sides of the road; then S 3¼° W 10½ rods; S. 13° E 10 rods; S 2½° E. 34 rods; S 6° W 8 rods to a point West, 1½ rods, from Gilbert Fullers gate post, on the plain; then S 11½° W 30½ rods; S 11° W 27 rods; S. 4° W 9 rods, to the road leading from Warren Hubbards to Tenksville.

And after locating said highway, the Commissioners, having given notice for that purpose, proceeded to hear all persons claiming damages who desired to be heard, and having heard them, the further consideration of that subject was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, when they proceeded to ap'ps damages to the persons and in the sums following viz To James W. Kendall forty dollars. 40.00

Damon, who owns the Orchard on west side of the road, twelve Dollars } 12.00

The Commissioners give directions for the construction of said road, that the fences be removed from the Same to the limits of the road; that the travelled path be made smooth and crowning, and sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches. And the Commissioners order, that the hill north of Ezekiel Fuller's house be repaired, by reducing the same, and by filling up in the hollow ground at the foot of the hill, so that the travelled path shall in no place exceed four degrees elevation, and that sluices be sunk in the road near the central part of said hill, and covered so as to draw the water from said hill, and secure the travelled path from mire and mud. And the Commissioners further Order, that the bridge across the run of water north of Simeon Pease's land, and near the land of Moses Wood, be extended west fifteen feet, or so much further as shall accommodate the road as laid. The whole of said road, to be made and repaired to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of October next. The owners of land have the privilege to remove timber, rails, and other materials before the first day of August next. All which is submitted. December meeting 1843.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners.
Forbes Ryle

Which Report being read and considered was accepted, and they way established as and for a Highway.

P. Sikes &c Petition for Road in Ludlow

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned Inhabitants of Ludlow, in Said County, that public convenience and necessity require, that the Highway from the house of Zechariah Day, to a place called the guide board, in Ludlow, is crooked and narrow, in many places. They therefore pray, that your Board would view and alter the Same, and that Such proceedings may be had in the premises.

as the law prescribes.

(Signed) Theodore Sikes & others.

Ludlow, June 5. 1843.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Ashley Hayden, in Ludlow, on Thursday the seventeenth day of August next at nine o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow in said county, thirty days at least, before the said 17th day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Ludlow, fourteen days before said 17th day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the sessions of the Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1843. When it was Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Widow Jerusha Fuller in Ludlow, on Thursday the twenty third day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of this petition and this order thereon in the Hampden Washingtonian a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of November. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an abstract containing the substance of said

petetion in two public places in said town of Ludlow fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish their alterations, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and asses such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Attest Rich^{d} Bliss Clerk

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the order made at their meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June 1843. made his return at the proper time, as follows:

Hampden ss. July 18. 1843. I Served the town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested Copy of the within petition and Order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, Containing the Substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At the October meeting the Commissioners made their viewing Report as below.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made at the October meeting made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 21. 1843. I Served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of the petition within named, by leaving the same at his Dwelling House, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Theodore Sikes, and others, then presented to said Commissioners, Representing and Setting forth that public convenience and necessity require, that the Highway from the house of Zechariah Day to a place called the Guide Board in Ludlow, is crooked and narrow in some places, and praying that the Commissioners would cause such proceedings that said Highway may be altered, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the seventeenth day of August then next, and nine O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such alterations in said Highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to

be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said Seventeenth day of August aforesaid, the commissioners met at the time and place aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the alterations should be made and the proceedings had as prayed for in said petition, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And now it is considered and Ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

Hartford & Springfield R R Cor. Petition for Road in Sty

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation in Massachusetts respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Road through the town of Springfield in said County, and that the Highway leading from the Pecowsick brook near the Saw mill of Charles Stearns to a point northerly of the Town Ferry in said Springfield, interferes with the location thereof. And for the greater facility of making and using said Rail Road, and for the Security thereof, and of the travel on said Highway, they have thought proper to change the location of said Highway for the distance above Specified, by turning and locating the same more easterly, and East of and nearly parallel to said Rail Road, placing the same and passing upon lands of Charles Stearns, Betsey Smith, Chester B Chaffee, Joseph Lombard, Simeon Pomeroy, Marble Wood, and Walter Warriner, all of said Springfield, and Emily Coomes, Emily Coomes Jr, Mary Coomes, Ellen Coomes, Gilbert Coomes, Edwin Coomes and Edward Coomes, children of said Emily,

all of Longmeadow, in said County. And they have also thought proper to change the location of the Highway in said Springfield leading from said Pecowsick Brook to Long Hill, near its intersection with the Highway first above specified, by turning the same a little more easterly and Southeasterly, thereby passing upon land of Charles Stearns of said Springfield. the said Highway now interfering with the location of said Rail road, and the said change being necessary for the greater facility of making said Rail Road, and for the Security thereof.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that, after due notice, the Commissioners would direct in what manner said Highways shall be made, and will make location thereof, and do all things relating to the same, which the law requires.

Dated at Springfield, this 7th day of November, A.D. 1843.

The Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation.

By Chester W. Chapin, Agent.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation (in Massachusetts) have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Pecowsick Brook, to a point above the Lower Ferry, and also, a Highway from said Brook up to Long Hill, near its intersection with the first above mentioned, and that for the purpose of facilitating the Crossing of the same they think proper to alter the Courses of said ways, as follows, viz. by Turning each of said Highways more easterly and off from the Rail Road Location, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said ways shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Saw Mill of Charles Stearns in said Springfield, on the 18th day of November instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order.

Springfield, Nov. 8th A. D. 1843.

Richd Bliss, Clerk

I certify that I have this day left with one of the Selectmen of Springfield a true Copy of the above notice. Nov. 9th 1843.

Moses Bliss.

To Charles Stearns, Betsey Smith, Chester B Chapin, Joseph Lombard, Simeon Somerby, Reuben Wood, and Walter Warriner, all of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, and Emily Coomes, and Emily Coomes Mary Coomes, Ellen Coomes, Gilbert Coomes, Edwin Coomes and Edward Coomes, children of said Emily, all of Longmeadow, in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Hartford and Springfield Rail

Road Corporation (in Massachusetts) have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Pecowsick Brook to a point above the Lower Ferry and also a Highway from said Brook up to Long Hill near its intersection with the first above mentioned and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the Courses of said ways as follows, viz. by turning each of said Highways more easterly and off from the Rail Road Location so that the same as altered will pass over lands owned by you severally, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said ways shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Saw mill of Charles Stearns, in said Springfield, on the 15th day of November instant, at 10 O'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order. Richd Bliss, Clerk.

Springfield Nov. 8th A. D. 1843.

I certify that I have this day served upon each of the above named persons a true copy of the above notice

Nov. 9th 1843. Moses Bliss.

Hampden ss. Meeting of the County Commissioners fourth Tuesday of December, 1843. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield in and for said County on the seventh day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty three, by adjournment from the regular meeting of said Commissioners holden at said Springfield on the first Tuesday of October in the year eighteen hundred forty three, the foregoing petition having been presented and duly entered at said meeting, and the said Commissioners being of opinion that a view of the Highway and places mentioned in said petition was necessary, before proceeding to act on the subject matter thereof, caused due notice to be given to all persons interested as owners and proprietors of lands over which the Highway, if altered according to the prayer of said petition may be located, and notice having been given to the persons named, as follows (to wit) Charles Stearns, Betsey Smith, Chester B. Chappell, Joseph Lombard, Simeon Pomeroy, Reuben Wood and Walter Warriner of Springfield, and Emily Coomes, Emily Coomes Jr. Mary Coomes, Ellen Coomes, Gilbert Coomes, Edwin Coomes and Edward Coomes, children of said Emily Coomes, of Longmeadow in said County of Hampden. And the Commissioners having also caused notice to be given to the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield, the town in which said Highway is situated, as appears by returns made on said notices, and on file. And the Commissioners

would meet at the Saw mill of Charles Stearns in said Springfield on the eighteenth day of November aforesaid, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said highway should be altered, if the same should be found necessary and proper to be done, and to hear all parties interested in the alteration of said way. The Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and having viewed the premises, and having heard all parties interested, and the Selectmen of Springfield being present and making no objection to the alterations proposed, the said Commissioners were of opinion that said alteration would not impair the said Highway, and would benefit the location and security of the said Hartford and Springfield Rail Road, and they proceeded to establish an alteration of said Highway as follows, to wit.

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of the Longmeadow road, near Peconsick brook, and about 30 feet Southwesterly from Stearns Gristmill, and running thence N 60° E. about 425 feet, to a point where the two roads are located 5 rods wide; thence N. 45° E. about 333 feet to a point on the east side of the Long Hill road, where the two roads are located 7 rods wide, thence westerly across the Long Hill road 2 rods, to a point where the Longmeadow road is located 5 rods wide; thence N. 23° E about 588 feet, to a point where the Longmeadow road is located 3 rods wide; thence a three rod road as follows, bearing westerly on a regular curve with a radius of 2375 feet, for a distance of about 1290 feet; thence N 9° 15' W. about 427 feet to its intersection with the old road, on land of Walter Warriner, a little Northeasterly of South Ferry. No person interested as owner of land desiring to be heard, in opposition to said alteration, or on any claim for damages, and it being understood by the Commissioners that such claims had been settled and extinguished by the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Company, no damages were assessed. The said Commissioners direct, that said Highway as altered and established by them be made and completed in good order, and a good and sufficient fence be constructed on the line between said highway and the Rail Road, and the whole work to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of June 1844

Their Report made and accepted at a regular meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

Patrick Boies
Cyrus Avery } County Commissioners.
Forbes Foyle

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the alterations established as a public Highway.

County Estimate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, in and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1843.- the County Commissioners, taking into Consideration the necessity of raising a County tax, to defray the current expenses of the County for the year next ensuing, have agreed upon and made an estimate as follows,

To payment of Grand and Travers Jurors	3000.00
" One third expenses of Criminal Prosecutions	1086.50
" Clerk's of Courts for Services, Dockets &c	200.00
" Sheriffs, Constables, Criers of Court &c	900.00
" Service of Venires	175.00
" Coroners for taking Inquisitions	120.00
" Setting prisoners and articles for the Jail	1600.00
" building House of Correction, furniture & fixtures	4350.50
" Repairs of County buildings	200.00
" Books, Stationary for County Offices	100.00
" County Commissioners, Agents, Committees &c	1500.00
" damages for lands fencing, & by location of ways	2000.00
" allowance to Towns for making Roads Bridges	1200.00
" repairs of County Bridges	200.00
" Outstanding debts against the County, after deducting balance of taxes for the Year 1843 and other available resources.	1058.00
	17639.50

Ways and Means.

Estimated receipts from fines, forfeitures and other resources.	639.50
" County tax, for the Year 1844.	17000.00
	17639.50

The whole tax to be assessed for defraying the expenses of the County for the Year 1844, as estimated as above at Seventeen thousand Dollars, which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose, and the Clerk of the County commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above Estimate before the Legislature for Approbation, and order according to the provisions of law in that behalf.

Patrick Boise, Chairman of County Commis.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz

To Caleb Rice, Sheriff, serving Orders of Notices	11.89
" Richard Bliss, Clerk, Orders of notice, &c	25.63
" Patrick Boise, fees on sundry motions to Court on Verdicts, &c	30.00
" William Rice, amount paid in Criminal prosecution	1087.69
" Ithamar Parsons, taking Care of Court House attending Probate Court, &c	43.50

To Alvin Jones, Coroner, Inquesition upon the body of Reuben R. Shaw, May, 1843. 3.52

Jurymen	John Smith	1.37
"	Royal Wales	1.37
"	Jonathan Needham	1.37
"	Jack Rodgers	1.37
"	James C. Royce	1.37
"	Absalon Gardner	1.37
Witnesses	Truman Moulton	.58
"	Samuel Shaw	.58
"	Charles C. Smith	.58
"	George W. Smith	.58
"	Edwin Converse	.58
"	Sarah V. Shaw	.58
Constable	Adams Stewart	2.16
Cornelius Miller, for use of house		.25
Samuel Bowles, advertising Financial Statement &c.		17.13
C. Torrey, " Notices		3.50
William Stowe, " Petitions, &c		40.25
Marson Hawley " " "		5.75
D. F. Ashley & Co " " "		15.08
A. G. Carmatt " " "		11.00
Wm H. Butler Surveying &c		8.00
George Booth " "		5.00
Dennis & Winsen Labor and materials County House		54.90
Chas A. Bartlett " " " Court House		7.98
C. Terry Cash paid for Surveying &c		3.25
Ingersoll & Brothers, paper for Registers Office		13.38
G. & C. Merriam " " & Clerks office		20.14
Jason Bailey Repairing Stoves &c		3.05
N. D. Bay Mittens for prisoners		6.00

Ordered— That Patrick Boise and Norman Norton, be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer — Order of Commiss^rs

Ralph Day of Westfield is appointed Master of the House of Correction for this County, to take effect on the first day of April, 1844. — Master H of C

Elijah Blake, Solomon Hatch, and William Child are appointed Oversees of the House of Correction, to take effect on the first day of April 1844. — Oversees H of C

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield in and for the County of Hampden on the 4th Tuesday of June, 1843. The Commissioners taking into Consideration the great increase of criminal prosecutions in the County within a few years past, and that no suitable place was provided by the County for the discipline — Statement House Corr^n by Commissrs

and employment of Criminals under conviction and sentence to labor: that public morals as well as the laws of the Commonwealth require that such provision should be made, and having been disappointed in their former efforts to unite with other Counties in building a House of Correction for the mutual benefit of such counties as should consent to unite for that purpose, in conformity with the provisions of a statute of the Commonwealth, in that behalf the said Commissioners felt it to be their duty to take immediate measures for the erection of a House of Correction for the County. After making enquiry and taking pains to find a suitable location for the building, and endeavouring to procure the best and most approved plan for the building, they employed Capt. Charles McLellan to superintend the building of a Prison, to be used as a Jail and House of Correction for said County, on the site of the former Jail, and adjoining to the County House. The whole work has been skillfully and faithfully performed by Capt. McLellan, to the acceptance of the Commissioners, and within the estimated expense of the establishment.

The expense of the building, fixtures and fitting Chambers in the County House with grated windows, for the confinement of prisoners is as in mapin } $201.34

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Forbes Hyde

March 28. 1844.

" The following accounts were presented, examined and ordered by the Commissioners to be paid,

To John B. Nickham, Coroner. Inquest upon the body of Ira Jacobs, February. 1844. } 3.40.

Jurymen	David M Bryant Foreman	1.75
"	Sylvester Taylor	1.75
"	Andrew Hubbard	1.75
"	William Jenks	1.75
"	Lester Dickinson	1.75
"	Perry Cadwell	1.75
Witness	Orange Field	.58
"	L. Bly	.58
"	M. S. Higgins	.58
"	Enoch Jacobs	.58
"	Sumner Jacobs	.58
"	Mary Ann Jacobs	.58
Constable	William T. Smith	1.62
Palfrey Gresham, Coathing, &c. Sact		5.01
Sizer & Co Stove Pipe, zinc, Lead, Stew Pans, &c. &c		10.57
Simeon Dunham, Labor, Lumber, Nails &c for N. & Co.		24.26

Hampden Ps March 28. 1844. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Rick[d] Bliss. Clerk.

April 1844

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At the meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April being the ninth day of said April, and from day to day to the tenth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of said month and from day to day to the eighteenth day of said month, and by adjournment on the eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

By Patrick Boise, Esq.
" Cyrus Avery Esq. } County Commissioners.
" Hubes Kyle Esq.

Commissioners

Austin Fuller, Willis Phelps, and Samuel Root, Esqrs. having been declared, by the examiners duly elected County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, appeared on this ninth day of April, A. D. 1844, and are qualified before Justice Willard and James W. Crooks, Esquires. Dedimus Justices and said Commissioners being so qualified, proceeded to the choice of a Chairman of said Board, and the whole number of votes for Chairman was three, and Willis Phelps had two, and was chosen

Abel Calkins having been declared elected a Special Commissioner, was also sworn by the above Justices on the ninth day of April. 1844.

D Collins &c. Petition for laying out 8d Mass. Turnpike as highway in Chester.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Chester in said County, at Chester Village and vicinity, would respectfully represent that the Road passing through said Village, and known as the road belonging to the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, is much out of repair; And having understood that said Corporation will not put said road in repair, and that Your Honors will, at some future day, view said road, or the part passing through the towns of Russell and Blandford. We would petition your Honors that at the time you may view said Road in Russell, that you would view and locate said Turnpike as a County Road, Commencing at the termination of your last location of said road near Martin Phelps' in Chester, and leading Eastwardly on the route of said Turnpike to Blandford line, at Chester village, & to intersect your location of said road through Russell and Blandford, and as in duty bound will ever pray. Chester Village. Oct. 2. 1843.

Signed Daniel Collins & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October. A. D. 1843. and continued to the meeting of

the County Commissions on the eighteenth day of January, in the Year of our Lord 1844, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1843. And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Rufus Hawley, in Russell on Wednesday the twentieth day of March next, at 10 o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Chester in said County, thirty days at least before the said twentieth day of March, and that all persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public Newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in five public places in the town of Chester, fourteen days before said twentieth day of March, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows:

Hampden ss. Feby. 8th 1844. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up an abstract of said petition in five public places in said town, more than 14 days before said meeting

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the eighteenth day of January in the year 1844, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and forty three

On the Petition of Daniel Collins jr. and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Road passing through said Village, being a part of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike, commencing at Blandford line near Martin Phelps' house, and running Easterly on the route of said Turnpike, to where it intersects again the Blandford line at Chester Village, has been abandoned by the Corporation, and that said Corporation neglect to

put the same in repair; Wherefore they pray that the commissioners would view the said Road and locate the same as a County road, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of March inst. and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Rufell Hawley, in Rufell, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such location of said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time aforesaid appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time aforesaid appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of March, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the Road mentioned in said petition heretofore used as a part of the Eighth Mapachusetts Tolls Turnpike in said towns of Chester and Blandford be established and located as a common Highway, and that the prayer of said petition be granted.

The Commissioners having made the adjudication aforesaid, and at the time of the view no person or Corporation interested appearing to make any objection, to the Establishment of said Road as a common Highway and the said Eighth Mapachusetts Turnpike Corporation and the town of Chester, in which said Road is situated, having given their assent to the same, and the town of Blandford, through which a part of said road passes, making no objection, said Commissioners proceeded, forthwith, to locate, as a Common Highway, that part of said Turnpike, commencing at the northerly line of Blandford, near Martin Phelps' House, crossing a small part of the town of Blandford, and coming to Chester line, and through said town of Chester, till it again reaches the Blandford line, near Chester Village, then on through Blandford, till it intersects the line of Russell, and they locate said Highway with the same limits, and ac-

cording to the courses and points established in the survey of the said Turnpike, as the same was located by said Corporation. And the said Commissioners direct that said towns of Chester and Blandford keep the parts of said Road within their respective town limits in good repair, and that the same be Repaired from time to time and supported and maintained as other Common and public Highways by the said towns of Chester and Blandford. No claims having been made by any persons or Corporations for damages, none were specified. In the proceedings of establishing said Highway, Forbes Hyde, one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the town of Chester, Ugal Rockwell, a special Commissioner, was notified and attended, and acted as one of the Board of in the above proceedings and the Board thus constituted, make and submit their report.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Ames } County Commissioners
Ugal Rockwell Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the way established as and for a Common Highway.

Selectmen of Russell & others Petition for laying out 8th Mass. Turnpike as a Highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Respectfully represent the Subscribers, the Selectmen of the town of Russell, in behalf of the Inhabitants of said town, and also, the late agent of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, that said Corporation have lately abandoned their Road and do not longer intend to keep the same in repair; they therefore pray, that your board would view that part of said Turnpike which lies in the town of Russell, between the towns of Westfield and Blandford, and Establish the same as a Common Highway. Jan. 3. 1844

Signed Benjamin Bennett, } Selectmen of Russell.
John Dickinson
Elijah Bates. for 8th Mass. Turnpike Company

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty three.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners deeming in view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Russell Hawley in Russell, on Wednesday the twentieth day of March next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Russell in said county thirty days at least, before the said Twentieth day of March, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least

before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Rupsel fourteen days before the said twentieth day of March, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient unto proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. Feby. 12. 1844. I served the town Clerk of Russell with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling House, and also posted up in two public places in said town, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting, an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the eighteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and forty four, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty three. On the petition of the Selectmen of Rupsell and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation have lately abandoned their road, and do not longer intend to keep the same in repair; wherefore the said Selectmen in behalf for the Inhabitants of the town of Russelle and also the late agent of said Corporation pray that that portion of the road within the limits of the town of Russel, between the towns of Blandford and Westfield, may be located as a common highway, as by said petition, on file, will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of March then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Rupel Stanley, in Rupsell, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Rupsel, being the town within which such highway is bounded for, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons

interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view. And before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of March, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and after hearing all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of said petition, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common convenience and necessity require that said road be discontinued as a Turnpike, and established as a Common Highway, and that the prayer of said petition be granted, And after the Commissioners had made the adjudication aforesaid, and at the time of making the view as aforesaid, as no person or corporation interested appeared to make objection to the location of said road as a Common Highway, according to the prayer of said petition, and it also appearing that the said Corporation and the said town of Russel gave their assent to the same, the said Commissioners proceeded, forthwith, to locate and establish as a Common Highway, that part of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike which lies in said town of Russel, beginning at the northern termination, at the line of the town of Blandford, there running through said town of Russel, with the same bounds and courses, and within the same limits as established in the survey of said Turnpike, when the same was located under the Charter of the said Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, and extending said Highway till it intersects the line of the town of Westfield. And no person or Corporation appearing to claim damages were were assessed by the Commissioners. And the said Commissioners direct that the town of Russel make repairs on said road, and make the same safe and convenient for public travel by the fifteenth day of June next, to the acceptance of the Commissioners. And that said road be hereafter maintained and kept in repair as a common and public Highway. Forbes Ryle, one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend the meeting of the Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid on account of extreme sickness in his family, Uzal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner of said County, having been notified, attended, and acted as one of the Board of Commissioners in the above mentioned proceedings, and the Board thus constituted, submit their Report.

Patrick Boise, Cyrus Kingman } County Commissioners
Uzal Rockwell, Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as laid for a public Highway.

Danny Shepard is licensed as an Innkeeper and common Victualler Shepard
at the House called the Union House in North Blandford.

Nye Moulton is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Franklin Moulton
House on the Hill in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drink

William Miller is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Connecticut Miller
River House in Cabotville without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

George Cady is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Exchange, Spring- Cady
field, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Horatio N. Burnham is licensed as an Innkeeper, at the Franklin Burnham
in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Lemuel M. Parsons is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Hampden Parsons
House, Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Jeremy Warriner is licensed as an Innkeeper at the United Warriner
States in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Henry McKenney is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Mechanics McKenney
Hotel, Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Marvin Chapin is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Massasoit M. Chapin
House in Springfield without license to sell intoxicating drinks.
E. S. Chapin

Ethan S. Chapin is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Cabot
House in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Elihu Adams is licensed as an Innholder at the Chicopee Adams
Falls Hotel, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Julius Taylor is licensed as an Innkeeper at Washingtonian Taylor
House, Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Daniel A. Green is licensed as an Innholder at his House Green
on the North east corner of the Common in Brimfield.

Lewis Watkins is licensed as an Innholder at the Three Watkins
Rivers Hotel, in Palmer.

Ephraim Allen is licensed as an Innholder at the Allen
Rail Road House at Palmer Depot.

Elias Turner is licensed as an Innholder at his House Turner
in Palmer.

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Allen — John Allen is licensed as an Innholder at the Palmer House at Palmer Depot

Kinney — Elisha Kinney is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Holland

Drake — Clement B. Drake is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Holland

Weatherbee — William Weatherbee is licensed as an Innholder at Southwick in the House of widow Elizabeth Berbe

Crooks — Wm L. Crooks are licensed as Innholders at their House in East Longmeadow

Colton — Simond Colton is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Longmeadow without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

A. Norcross — Albert Norcross is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Monson

Norcross — Amos Norcross is licensed as an Innholder at his Stand in Monson without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks

Paul — Elias Paul is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the Hotel in Thorndike Village, Palmer, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

Loomis — Hezekiah Loomis is licensed as a Common Victualler in his Shop on east side of the Green in Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

Brown — Charles Brown is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Johnson — Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder in the place now occupied by him in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Walker — Silas R. Walker is licensed as a Retailer at his Dwelling House in Wales.

Miller — Cornelius Miller is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Wales.

Chandler — Selah Chandler is licensed as a Common Victualler in his Shop in Ives' Building in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Cooley 2d — Timothy M. Cooley 2d is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Granville.

Alexander Stocking is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Montgomery with authority to sell Wines, ale, Beer, Cider, or any other fermented liquors. — Stocking

Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks. — Chapman

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks. — Loomis

Freeman Perkins is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in WestSpringfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks. — Perkins

Jeremiah Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at her House in Ludlow, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks. — Fuller

Joseph Lazell is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Chesto Factories. — Lazell

John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Wilbraham — Baldwin

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Wilbraham — Fuller

Ashley Hayden is licensed as an Innholder at the Columbian Coffee House in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks — Hayden

Seren Hayden is licensed as an Innholder at the Franklin House in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks. — Hayden

Clossen Pendleton is licensed as an Innholder at Williamsett, in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks — Pendleton

Morgan & Day are licensed as Innholders at the American House in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks — Morgan & Day

Spencer Jennings is licensed as an Innholder at the Race Road House in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks — Jennings

Henry Gunn is licensed as an Innholder at the "Five mile House" in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks. — Gunn

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Tallmadge — Marcus M. Tallmadge is licensed as an Innholder at his House in West Springfield

Corbin — Elias Corbin is licensed as an Innholder at his House in West Springfield

Crafts — Chester Crafts is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Ireland Parish.

Palmer — Horace Palmer is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Feeding Hills

Chaffee — Thomas L. Chaffee is licensed as an Innholder at the Blandford Coffee House in Blandford.

Collins — Harrington Collins is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at Chester, South village.

Sept. 1844 — In conformity with a Resolve of the General Court, passed on the ninth day of March A. D. 1844, granting a tax of Seventeen thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following

Blandford	669.74
Brimfield	726.74
Chester	432.24
Granville	495.74
Holland	190.00
Longmeadow	574.74
Ludlow	612.74
Monson	1.040.23
Montgomery	175.75
Palmer	1.135.23
Russell	223.25
Southwick	495.74
Springfield	5.923.16
Tolland	280.25
Wales	247.00
Westfield	1.553.23
West Springfield	1.362.73
Wilbraham	685.49

and Warrants have been issued dated the tenth day of April A. D. Eighteen hundred and forty four, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice, Esq. County Treasurer or his Successor, on or before the last day of August next ensuing, as the law directs.

The following Accounts were presented, examined, allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. | Accounts.

To Caleb Rice Sheriff for Serving Commissioners Orders	5.38
" Richard Bliss Entries, continuances, Recordings &c	38.38
" Simeon Parsons, Clearing & taking Care of Office &c	52.46
" Sizer & Co Desks, Pens, Lead Pike &c. October	74.64
" George W Callender Binding Record Books &c	19.00
" I. K. D'Wolf Keeping C. Rians, county pauper 28 weeks &c	76.00
" Noah Clark expenses as Undertaker for prisoners &c	1126.71
" H. H Vaille for medical attendance &c for prisoners &c	2.50
" Bangs & Butler Sundries at N Clark for October	6.24
" Elijah Porter for Printing Rules for October	5.00
" C. C Cowell, 1 Jury for Ludington	3.00
" Joel Kendall for Shoes &c for prisoners	19.00
" Bliss Chapin & Co for Candles &c	6.28
" Elizabeth Trask, Repairing Stove	2.00
" Palmer & Clark Pantaloons, at Clarks	12.50
" H. H Billings, Medical Attendance &c at Jail	10.00
" Drake & Bailey, Sundries for Jail	23.30
" Henry Needham for Shoes &c N Clark	1.00
" Harmon Foot &c Socks &c Oct &	5.13
" Noah B. Clark, taking care of Prisoners from 2 day of Nov 1843 to 2 day of April 1844 = 5 mo 25 d	125.00
" Charles McClellan work & materials (in part) House Correction	500.00

Hampden ss. May 8. 1844. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this Meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Rich^d Bliss. Clerk.

June 1843

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty fifth day of said month, to the twenty sixth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty ninth day of said June, and by adjournment on the seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Present Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman
Samuel Root, Esq. } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller Esq. }

P. Truesdell et al petition for alteration of Road in Monson

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

We the subscribers represent, that the road leading from Monson Meeting house, to Stafford line, running by the late John Rogers, is Circuitous and out of repair. We therefore pray your Honorable body to view a route commencing near the Store now occupied by John Newton thence running Southerly until it intersects the road near Joseph Burnsteads. Also, one other route, commencing a little South of Jeremiah Burnsteads; thence running Southerly until it intersects the old turnpike near the Sage School House, so called, and make such alterations as you think proper.

Signed Pearley Truesdell, & others.

Monson, July 17. 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County ——

on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, 1843, and by adjournment on the 19th of August, A. D. 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Amos Rogers in Monson on Thursday the fifth day of October next, at 11 o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the Town of Monson, in said County, thirty day at least, before the said fifth day of October and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered, by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the Town of Monson fourteen days before said fifth day of October, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations

interested, that the County Commissioners view a view of the premises aforesaid and propose and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Richd Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Monson ss. Aug 25. 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Monson with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also Posted up in two Public places in said town, an abstract Containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

Viewing Report, See next page.

At which meeting upon the petition of Peorly Smeedley and others, heretofore presented, and after due proceedings had therein, it hath been adjudged by the County Commissioners that the common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations should be made in the road leading from Monson Meeting House to Stafford line, by Col. John Vose's, it is now thereupon ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Amos Norcop in Monson, on Tuesday the twenty eighth day of May next, at 9 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of establishing said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon on the Springfield Republican, a Public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 28th day of May. And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Monson with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said town of Monson, fourteen days at least before the said 28th day of May. at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alteration of said road.

Richd Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Southbridge ss. April 27. 1844. I served the town Clerk of of Monson with an attested copy of the petition and order as within directed, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

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At which meeting the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August then next.

On the petition of Pearley Truesdell and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and telling forth that the road leading from Monson meeting house to Stafford line by Ed. John Burns, is circuitous, and out of repair, they therefore pray that a view may be had of said route, commencing near John Newton's store, and running southerly till it intersects the road near Joseph Burnstead's. Also, one other route commencing a little south of Jeremiah Burnstead's running Southerly, till it intersects the old Turnpike, near the Cage School House, so called, and make such alterations as may be thought proper, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, appointed Thursday the fifth day of October then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Norcop in said Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town Monson, being the town within which such alterations of said highways are prayed for, thirty days ~~long~~ at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifth day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and the further consideration of said petition having been defered till the regular meeting of the Commissions, held at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and by adjournment till the twenty seventh day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and forty four, when said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and

necessity require that certain alterations should be made in the first named road, especially at the hill near White's grist mill, as the road leads to Raynolds and Lyon's factory, and the Commissioners make and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boise
Cyprus Kingsley } County Commissioners.
Forbes Kyle

which Report being read and considered was accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

[Order to Locate, see page 172.

And now at this meeting the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August, then next, On the petition of Leroy Tousdell and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the road leading from Monson Meeting house to Stafford line, by the late John Woods, is circuitous and out of repair, they therefore pray, that a view may be had of said route, commencing near John Newton's store, and running southerly till it intersects the road near John Burnsteads. Also one other route commencing a little south of Jeremiah Burnsteads, running southerly till it intersects the old turnpike near the Sage School House, so called, and make such alterations as may be thought proper, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the fifth day of october, then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Marcy in said Monson as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be shewed upon the clerk of the town of Monson, being the town within which such alteration of said highways are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifth day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,

and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that necessity required that certain alterations should be made in the first mentioned road and especially at the hill near White's Mill, and the Commissioners, after adjourning as aforesaid, the Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty eighth day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Monroe in said Monson, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed in the meeting, and hearing the persons interested in claims for damages in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty eighth day of May met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition, as follows, viz.

Commencing at a Stone, at the corner of the road where said road intersects the Turnpike, north of the Stubbin's Barn, so called, thence S. 72¾° W. 10 rods, by land owned by Joseph L. Reynolds; thence S. 77½° W. 10½ rods, by said Reynolds land, to the west bank of the brook where said Reynolds waters his land, said road is thus far laid two rods wide; thence S. 77½ W 1½ rods; thence S. 38½° W. 12 rods; thence S 27½° W. 9 rods; thence S 10 West 12½ rods; thence S 41 W. 8 r.; thence S 62° W 5 rods; thence N. 84° W 8 rods; thence N. 79 W. 14 rods, to Chicopee Brook.

The bearing and distance describe the north and west line of said road, laid three rods wide except the two first courses. And after making said location, and any person appearing to claim damage there was not any allowed. Austin Fiske, Esq one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the Town of Monson, in which said road is situated, and not acting with the Board in the proceeding. Abel Gathings a Special Commissioner of the County being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board as in such cases is provided. In the construction and making of said road, the commissioners order that the travel path be made twenty feet wide; that the hill near White's Grist Mill be reduced, so it shall not exceed six degrees, and that the surface of road be made of earth which shall make a good and hard travelled path. There shall also be a Culvert built of sufficient capacity to conduct the water across the road to be situated about 15 rods N. East of White's mill. Said piece of Road to be made and

completed on or before the first day of July A. D. 1844. to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps. }
Samuel Root. } County Commissioners.
Abel Watkins Special commissioner.

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

We the Subscribers respectfully represent that the road leading from the house of Bartholomew and Ira G. Potter, in Monson, to the Great Road, so called, in Wilbraham, is not all of it a laid road, and is in some places, hilly and others crooked and in bad condition; We therefore pray, that your Board would forthwith, view and make such alterations and establish said road, and make such repairs as the public Convenience may require.

(Signed) Ira G. Potter and others.

I. G. Potter et als petition for alterations in Road in Monson

Monson Sept. 29. 1843.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord 1843, and now upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Morel in Palmer on thursday the sixteenth day of November next, at 9 o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy upon the Clerks of the towns of Monson and Wilbraham in said county twenty days at least before the said sixteenth day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further Ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in five public places in the towns of Monson and Wilbraham, fourteen days before said sixteenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich.d Bliss Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1843. and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order

made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct 10th 1843. I served the town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice by leaving the same at his dwelling house. On the 11th day of said October, I served the town Clerk of Monson with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

C Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three,

On the petition of Ira G. Potter and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from the house of Bartholomew and Ira G. Potter in Monson, to the Great Road, so called, in Wilbraham, is not all of it a laid road, and is in some places hilly and others crooked and in bad condition, and praying that a view may be made of said road, alterations established, and such Repairs ordered as public convenience may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed thursday the sixteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Morel, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Monson and Wilbraham, being the towns in which such alterations of said Highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in each said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on said sixteenth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield, aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said

petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted and accordingly submit this Report. Decem- ber meeting 1843.

Patrick Brisey
Cyprus Knapp } County Commissioners.
Forbes Kyle

which report being read and considered, was accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,

At which meeting it was ordered by said Commissioners that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Amos Nourse in Monson on thursday the thirtieth day of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said road and establishing said alterations and repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of May. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Monson and Wilbraham each with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance of said petition in three public places in said towns of Monson and Wilbraham, fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of May, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said road and alterations and repairs, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location and alteration of said road.

Richd Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this Meeting. Now the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. April 27. 1844. I served the town Clerk of Monson with a copy of the petition and order of notice as within directed, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the same day I also served the town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

A Rice Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the Petition of Ira G. Potter and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from the house of Bartholomew and Ira G. Potter in Monson, to the Great Road, so called, in Wilbraham, is not all of it a laid road, and is in some places hilly, and others crooked and in bad condition, and praying that a view may be made of said road, and such alterations and repairs ordered as public convenience may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the sixteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Merrill, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Monson and Wilbraham, being towns within which such alterations of said highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said Sixteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield, aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same the Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and accordingly submit their report, Dec. 1843, and after adjudicating as aforesaid the Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirtieth day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Keep in said Monson, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to laying out and establishing said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing

the persons interested on claims for damage, in the like manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirtieth day of May inst and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common highway on said petition, as follows, viz.

Commencing at a maple tree, about one rod south of Potters and Ringe's corner, west of the junction of the Isham Road, so called; thence N. 15½° W. 16 rods on Mr Ringes' land to a stake and stones; thence N. 7½° W. 9¼ rods, to a stake and stones by said Ringe's land; thence N 32¾° W. 16 rods to a stake and stones by said Ringe's land; thence N. 27¾° W. 9 r. to a white oak stadle, to land owned by Mr. Adams; thence N 8½° W. 24 rods to a stake and stones west of the barn yard, to land owned by Elisha Burr; thence N. 1½° E. 31 rods to the Monument between Monson and Wilbraham; thence N 3¼° W. 11 rods to a point where the division wall strikes the road; thence N. 1 W 33 r. to a stake and stones near the Monson and Wilbraham line; thence N 15° W. 17 rods; thence N 12° W 10½ rods to a large rock in the wall. This first section is laid two rods wide. Thence N. 2 E 4½ rods to a stake and stones; thence 49½° E 9 r. to a stake and Stones, near the Monson and Wilbraham line; thence N 17° E 18½ r to the north side of the Rail Road; this 2d section is laid three rods wide; thence N 2 E. 3 rods; thence N. 42° W. 4 r.; thence N. 60¼° W 8 rods, near Monson and Wilbraham line; thence N. 45° W. 4½ r; thence N 13¾° W. 9¼ rods to the Turnpike, so called; this last section is laid two rods wide; said bearings and distances describe the west line of said road.

And after making said location, not any person appearing to claim damage, there was not any allowed. Austen Fuller Esq one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the town of Monson, in which a portion of said road was situated, and not acting with the board in the Proceedings, Abel Calkins Esq. Special Commissioner of the County, ~~not~~ being notified attended and acted as one of the board as in such cases is provided.

In the construction and making of said road, the Commissioners order, that the travel path be made sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that the hill, a few rods South of the Western Rail Road, be graded so it shall not exceed six degrees; the hollow between the above named Rail Road and hill, to raised three feet; the Bridge also to raise three feet.

The whole of said Road to be made and completed on or before the first of July A. D. 1864, to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps,
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Abel Calkins Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the way established as and for a public highway.

T. Sikes et als Petition for alteration of road from Ludlow meeting House to Belchertown.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of the town of Ludlow would represent that there is no record of a road from Ludlow meeting House, through what is called the Bear Street, to Belchertown line; and that the now travelled road in many places is very narrow and crooked, and that the public necessity requires that a Highway should be laid out near where the road is now travelled. would request upon Bonors to view said route, and make such alterations in said travelled road as you shall think the public good requires.

Ludlow December 25. 1843.

(Signed) Theodore Sikes & others.

The foregoing petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December, 1843 and by adjournment on the eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1844, and now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Widow Tomsha Sullen in Ludlow on friday the 22d day of March next, at 10 O'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow in said County thirty days at least before the said 22d day of March, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by the Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Ludlow, fourteen days before said 22d day of March, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rech'd Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order

make his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Feb 5th 1844. I served the town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition and the order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in five public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Theodore Sikes and others, thereunto to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that there is no record of a road from Ludlow meeting house through what is called the Burr District, to Belchertown line, and that the now travelled road in many places is very narrow and crooked, and that the public necessity requires that a Highway be laid out near where the road is now travelled, and they request the Commissioners to view said route and make such alterations in said travelled road as the public requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the twenty second day of March, then next, and ten O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lucius Fuller, in the town of Ludlow, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such location of said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty second day of March, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,

and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said highway be located and established, and that the prayer of said petition be granted. Forbes Ryke, one of the County Commissioners being necessarily detained from attending said meeting by reason of extreme sickness and death in his family, Ozel Rockwell, a Special Commissioner, was summoned to attend, and was present, and acted as one of the Commissioners on the above proceedings, and the Board thus constituted, make and submit their Report

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Ozel Rockwell Special Commissioner

which Report, being read and Considered, was accepted, and the Way adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which said meeting it was ordered by the Commissioners that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Widow Simeka Fuller in Ludlow, on tuesday the eighteenth day of June, next at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 18th day of June. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy shall the clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up Abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Ludlow fourteen days at least before the said 18th day of June, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. Rec'd Bleft. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. May 18. 1844. I Served the town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of the said petition and the order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners,

of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four by adjournment from the fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1843.

On the petition of Theodore Sikes and others, therein presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that there is not any record of a road from Ludlow meeting House through what is called the Burn Street to Belchertown line, and that the travelled road in many places is very narrow, and crooked, and that the public necessity requires that a Highway should be laid out near where the road is now travelled, and they request the Commissioners to view said route and make such alterations in said travelled road as the public requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed friday the twenty second day of March then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lemuel Fuller in the town of Ludlow, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be posted when the clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such location of said highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty second day of March the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second tuesday of April then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said Highway be located and established, and that the prayer of said petition be granted; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, the Commissioners appointed tuesday the eighteenth day of June then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Lemuel Fuller, in said Ludlow, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed

to lay out and establish said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested on claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the eighteenth day of June, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition, as follows, to wit.

Commencing at a small maple Staddle marked, on the south side of the road, and thence West, 24¼° South 19 rods 10 links to a stake; thence 25° S. 19 rods 15 links to a stake and stones, opposite to T. Sikes' Esqr. house; thence west 15¼° S. 25 R. to a stake and stones, 3 rods south of white Oak tree standing in the corner of Bates' barnyard; thence west 12½° S. 33 rods to a black oak tree; thence west 10½° S. 18 rods to an oak tree; thence west 8½° S. 16 rods to a stake and stones on the west bank of Moodys Saw mill brook. The above survey is the south or left hand limits of the road, and is laid 3 rods wide.

And after making said location the Commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in damage, who desired to be heard, and make their assessments of damage as follows

To Abner Cady, thirty three ³³/₁₀₀ Dollars, $33.33
To D. Olds and Bradford Bates, ten dollars, 10.00

Abner Cady is allowed until July A. D. 1846, to remove his barn from the road

In the construction and making of said road the Commissioners order, that the traveled path be made eighteen feet wide (exclusive of ditches) to be made and completed to the acceptance of the commissioners (by the Inhabitants of Ludlow) previous to the first day of July, 1845.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the way established as and for a Common Highway.

Accounts. The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Caleb Rice, serving Orders of notice on petitions, &c. and taking care of Jail the year ending 4th Tuesday June 1845 } 44.10
. Richard Bliss, Clerk, Entries petition for Road,
. Orders of notice on petitions, Centing petitions } 30.50
. Issuing Venires, paper for blanks for Roads, &c

To Hatfield & Sabin for Sund. Clothing prisoners, del'd S. Clark 5.50
" E. Egan Setting Lights &c Stoves at Jail & Court House 4.75
" R. Sandiff 12 Mattresses order W. Phelps Esq. for Jail 24.00
" Merriam Brothers 3 Rms paper (Registry) 39.00
" Cooley Whitney. 25 Locks for Jail 62.50
" 2 Cook Stoves for House Correction & Court House 44.44
" B. F. Brown, binding Blank book. Book for Indictments &c 21.25
" A. Parsons, Tending Court &c 25.00
" L. McClellan Labor and materials balance of Acc from April. 1844 428.83
" Smith & Taylor printing Blanks Clerks office 4.00
$735.92

Merrick Cooley is licensed as a Retailer at his Store near the Dalton Depot. — Cooley.

Moses Allen is licensed as a Retailer at Palmer — Allen

Lucius Winchell is licensed as an Innholder at the Stand now occupied by him in West Springfield. — Winchell

The Votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted it appears that the whole number of votes was twenty eight hundred and thirty four. — William Rice had twenty five hundred and fifty one, and was declared by the County Commissioners chosen, and he appears and is sworn and gives bonds (Necessary for open fourteen hundred eighteen) to the acceptance of the said Commissioners. — Votes for County Treas.

Hampden ss August 7. 1846. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Reuben Bliss Clerk.

Oct. 1844

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners began and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October, being the first day, and from day to day to the third day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Present Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman
" Samuel Root Esq. } County Commissioners
" Austin Dutton Esq. }

Wm Shepard et al Petition for assessment of Damages.

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

We the subscribers of the town of Chester humbly shew that by the construction of the Rail Road through this place by "the Western Rail Road Corporation" we have sustained injury to our property, some of which is still exposed to ruin for which we have not been compensated, nor our property secured particularly that the said road, in crossing the river a little east of the Depot at "Chester Factories," has so diminished the channel that in high time it has overflowed the banks on land belonging to Silas Pengilly, and passed off in a course which endangers the property of several of the subscribers, and that we are exposed to have a new channel cut through our lands, and to have some of our buildings swept away, whenever a heavy flood may happen. Also that a little West of the Depot, where the said Corporation have caused a Wall to be constructed, filling so much of the Channel as to throw the Stream in high water, upon lands belonging to William Shepard and to Edmund Mathews jr. which is evidently likely to be destroyed. Likewise, by the construction of said Road across the River near Jeremiah Ellis, it has so confined the Stream as to cause it to wash away some of his banks and to destroy some by standing water. Also by causing an embankment to be constructed on land belonging to William Campbell opening his land, and otherwise to his inconvenience. Wherefore we pray your Honors to proceed, as by law directed to view the several places respectively, as soon as practicable, and to hear Evidence in regard to the same, and to appoint damages and direct the said Corporation to construct and maintain such embankments on the premises, as to render the property of your petitioners thus exposed safe. And as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Chester Factories, Oct. 1. 1844.

Signed William Shepard & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

Inhabitants of Brimfield Petition for a Jury to det. a Road in the Town of Brim.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield feeling themselves aggrieved by the doings of your board in granting the petition of Lady Blodget & others praying for the laying out and altering a Town way from near Samuel Shaws jr. to the road leading by Lady Blodgets have authorized the undersigned to them behalf to agree with your said board for a committee or otherwise a jury, to consider the necessity and expediency of laying out said Town way, if they see fit to set aside the decision of your board, and order the said town way to be discontinued. The undersigned therefore, respectfully pray your Honorable board to agree with them on a committee, or to award them a jury for the above purposes, in conformity with the statute in such cases made and provided.

Brimfield Dec. 26. 1842.

Signed Wm M. Ward
Davies Shaw
Solomon Homer jr

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1843. At which meeting the petitioners met the Commissioners and agreed upon Joseph Cummings, Joseph L. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown as a committee to act upon said petition. It was thereupon ordered that a commission issue accordingly. Said commission is in the words following to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

L.S. Hampden ss. To Joseph Cummings Joseph L. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown, all freeholders within said County, and disinterested persons, Greeting.

Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, holden at Brimfield, within and for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two, the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield, preferred their petition representing that they were aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in laying a road from near Samuel Shaw jr. to the road leading by Lady Blodgets, and praying for a Committee or otherwise a Jury to consider the necessity and expediency of laying out said road, and if they see fit to set aside the decision of said Commissioners and order said road to be discontinued, which said road is located as follows to wit.

Beginning at the County road, near the Western Rail Road, at a bridge near Lyman Shaw's land, then on said Shaw's land S 38½° E thirty one rods 18 links to a Stake; E. 42° S. 13 R. 2 L. S 32½° E 8 R 11 L. to a rock. S 44° E 5 R 3 L to a hemlock staddle E 31° S 6 R to a hemlock

E 29° S 4 R 17 L to an Oak tree - E 13° S 8 R 17 L to a Maple tree. E 9° S 3 R 7 L - E 31° S 5 R 11 L - E 36° S 6 R 7 L - E 25° S 3 R 15 L - East to a birch tree on the bank of Penny Brook 6 R. - E 11° S across the brook 6 R. 23 L E 33½° S 8 R 16 L across the said brook again to a rock - E 16° S 7 R 13 L - E 30° S 20 R 23 L - E 21° S 8 R - S 36° E 10 R 20 L - S 18° E 7 R 22 L - S 40° E 6 R 15 L - E 33° S 11 R 7 L - E 44° S 11 R 14 L - S 39° E 7 R 15 L - S 31° E 8 R - S 13° E 10 R 15 L S 18½° E 4 R 20 L - S 27° E 7 R. 16 L - S 41° E. 13 R 16 L to the road leading to Dady Blodgett's house

And said petition was continued to the meeting of the county commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A D eighteen hundred and forty three. At which said meeting the said petitioners appeared and agreed with the County Commissioners upon Joseph Cummings, Joseph L Reynolds and Joseph Brown as a Committee to act upon said petition. It is therefore ordered by the County Commissioners that you Joseph Cummings, Joseph L. Reynolds and Joseph Brown be a Committee to view the premises. And you are to be under Oath faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties assigned you. You are to give notice to the said Inhabitants of Brimfield, and Patrick Boise, Esq who is appointed by the County Commissioners, agent for the County of Hampden, to appear before said Committee on behalf of said County, of the time and place of your meeting, to view the premises and attend said Service. And you are to make a return of your doings herein under your hands to the Court of Common Pleas, which shall be holden for said county, next after you shall have compleated said Service.

By order of the County Commissioners
Richd Bliss Clerk.

Hampden ss August 22 1843 Personally appeared Joseph Cummings, Joseph L Reynolds and Joseph Brown and made Oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties assigned them by the above warrant.

Before me. Patrick Boise Just Peace

And at the Court of Common Pleas, holden for said County on the Second Monday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three the said Committee made their Report in writing, as follows viz

Hampden ss Aug 22 1843.

To the Hon Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the Second Monday of October next.

The Subscribers, appointed a Committee by the foregoing Warrant, having given notice as therein required, and having met the parties at the house of Alonzo N. Dewey in Palmer, agreeable to notice, and having heard them, and the objection having been taken by the agent of the County, that the road mentioned and described in said Warrant was a Town Way established in the Town of Brimfield, the said Town of Brimfield had no right, by law, to appear as petitioners for the discontinuance of said road, or for any alteration of the

dings of the County Commissioners relating to the same. And after mature consideration had thereon, the Committee were of opinion that the said Town of Bromfield were not authorized by law to appear as a party to this proceeding, and that the Committee had no further jurisdiction in the premises, and submit their Report accordingly

Joseph Cummings
Joseph L. Reynolds
Joseph Brown.

Which Report having been considered and adjudicated by the Court was excepted, and the same is ordered to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County for the further action and proceedings thereon according to law. And this Report was returned to the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1843. and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it appearing that the Original proceedings of the County Commissioners in the location of the road by which the petitioners were aggrieved, had been quashed by the Supreme Judicial Court, on a writ of certiorari, it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed

D. M. Bryant & others Petition for a Road fr. Chic. Falls to R. R. Depot in Spfd.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The subscribers, Inhabitants of Springfield, represent, That the present route for the travel and transportation of merchandise between Chicopee Falls and the Depot of the Western Rail Road Corporation is very circuitous and hilly, and that a new road leading from Chicopee Falls through Stephen Dwight's to near the Depot, can be laid out with comparatively little expense, which, in every respect, will be superior to the present one, and which, in the matter of distances alone, will save more than a mile, and that such a route would greatly accommodate, not only the inhabitants of the centre of Springfield, and of Chicopee Falls but those of Granby, Ludlow, Belchertown, Amherst, and generally all those whose business leads them from that quarter of the State into this vicinity. They therefore request that you take the measures required by law to view, locate and establish a Road between the above points. June 25th. 1843.

(Signed) David M. Bryant & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the fifteenth day of August, next, at nine o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, in said

county thirty days at least before the said fifteenth day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Gazette, a public Newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition & abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be hosted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Springfield, fourteen days before said fifteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October A. D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 14. 1843 I served the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the within petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

& Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of David M. Bryant and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the present route for the travel and transportation of merchandize between Chicopee Falls and the Depot of the western Rail Road Corporation is very circuitous and hilly, and that a new road leading from Chicopee Falls through Hopkins Bridge to near the Depot can be laid out with comparatively little expense, which in every respect, will be superior to the present one, and while in the matter of distance, alone, will save more than a mile; and that such a route would greatly accommodate not only the inhabitants of the centre of Springfield and of Chicopee Falls, but those of Granby, Southwick, Belchertown, Amherst, and generally all those whose business leads them from that quarter of the State, into this vicinity; They therefore request that you take the measures required by law to view, locate, and establish a road between the above points. Dated June 8. 1843, as by said

petition on file are affixed.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the fifteenth day of August then next, and one o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Springfield, being the town within which said road is proposed for thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, last publishing and the last publication of said copy being been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifteenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, and by adjournment, till the first Tuesday of November then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they accordingly submit their Report.

Patrick Breseg
Cyrus Knapp } County Com.
Horbes Hyde }

which Report being read and considered was accepted and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1844. At which meeting it was Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on Friday the twenty eighth day of June next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before

the said 25th day of June. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the Town of Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 25 day of June, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said Highways and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Road.

Rich.d Bliss Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting of the Commissioners, and the Sheriff of said County on pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. May 20. 1844 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition and this Order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, more than 14 days before said meeting, an abstract containing the said petition

C. Rice Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of David M. Bryant & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the present route for the travel and transportation of merchandize between Chicopee Falls and the Depot of the Western Rail Road Corporation is very circuitous and hilly, and that a new Road, leading from Chicopee Falls through Stephen Dingle to near the Depot (in Springfield) can be laid out with comparatively little expense, which in every respect will be superior to the present road, and which, in the matter of distance, will save more than a mile, and that such a route would greatly accommodate the inhabitants of Springfield, Chicopee Falls, Granby, Belchertown, Sudlow, Amherst, &c, they therefore request that you take the measures required by law to view, locate, and establish a Road between the above points, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Springfield, being

the time within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the Second Tuesday of Sept then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the 28th day of June then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in said Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway as prayed for by said petition, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting, and hearing the persons interested on Claims for damage in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty eighth day of June met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition as follows viz:

Beginning at a stake standing on the Easterly side of Main Street, and N. 60° W. 9½ feet from the surface of a large Ash tree marked, said Ash being nearly in front of the American House, so called, and said Stake stands 146 feet (measuring by the easterly line of Main Street) from the northerly line of the lands of the Western Rail Road Corporation, and thence from said Stake N 49¼° E 81 rods to a stake standing on land of C. W. Chapin; thence N. 1° 50' E 14 rods and 22½ links to land of said Chapin, and crossing Chesnut Street,

to a stake standing N 41½° W 6 rods and 11 links from the northeasterly corner of Mr. Potter's dwelling house, by a fence post on the easterly side of said Chesnut Street, and on the Southerly side of a new road laid out by said Chapin; thence by the southerly side of said new road from said stake N. 51° E 117 rods, to a stake standing by a fence post, on the southerly side of said new road on the brow of the hill; thence from said stake N 60½ E. 22 rods and 17 links, crossing a small brook, to a stake standing N 16° W. 6 rods and 10 links from the northeasterly corner of the dwelling house of Silas N Haywood; thence on land of said Haywood, N. 36° E. 44 rods, 4 links, to a stake near the foot of the hill; thence N. 18° E. 27 rods and 22 links, crossing Lands of said Haywood and Calvin Shattuck, to a stake standing by land of J. B. Vinton; thence N. 20° E 38 rods and 20 links, crossing lands of said Vinton, Doland & H. H. Buckland, to a stake standing on the Westerly side of the Toddy Road, so called; thence N. 6° 8 E. 170 rods, 6 links, crossing Toddy road and lands of Wm Bradley, Francis Burt, Festus Stebbins, Chauncey Chapin, heirs of Capt Emery, and the old Morgan road, and land of Cyrus Newell, to a stake standing in the edge of said Newells wood lot; thence N. 3° 50° E. 11 rods and 19 links, to a stake, standing at the edge of the woods; thence N. 6° 8 E. 154 rods and 8 links, to a stake standing on the southerly side of the old road leading by the old Stedman place, so called; thence N. 18° E. 8 rods & 19 links, to a stake on the southerly side of said Stedman road, near the land of Quartus Searle; thence N. 38° E. 4 rods to a stake; thence N. 37° E. 8 rods & 20 links to a stake; thence N. 27½° E. 54 rods and 8 links, crossing Hoggen Dingle Brook, so called, to a large Oak tree marked, standing on the hill near the old Stedman House, so called, on the easterly side of said old Stedman road; thence N. 25° E. 19 rods & 7 links to a stake standing on the top of the hill, on the Easterly side of the old road; thence N. 31° E. 47 rods & 8 links, to a Yellow Oak tree marked, standing on the westerly side of the old travelled road; thence N. 21½° E 23 rods and 21 links to a stake near the southerly line of said Abbeys pasture; thence N 16¾° E. 91 rods and 15 links, crossing said Abbeys pasture, and meadow to a stake standing by the fence, & 63¼° E. 55½ feet from the center of a large White Ash tree, said Ash standing nearly in front of the thence from said stake crossing the road leading from Springfield Hill to Chicopee Falls, N. 8¾ E. 9 rods and 8 links to a stake standing on the easterly side of said last mentioned road, by land of Harmon Rowley. The line run is the right hand limits of the road laid, and the same is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the Commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in the matter of damage, who desired to be heard and made

Their assessments of damage as follows viz.

To William Bradley, fifteen Dollars		$15.00
" Francis Dunt twelve dollars		12.00
" Lester Stebbins, eight dollars		8.00
" Chauncy Chapin, twelve dollars		12.00
" Luke & Gabt Emery, nine dollars		9.00
" Lyon Newell, fifteen dollars		15.00
"	twenty dollars	20.00
" Francis H Carew, twenty dollars		20.00
" John L Abbey, two hundred & fifty dollars		250.00

Willis Wells one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of Springfield, being the Town wherein said road is situated, did not act with the board in the proceedings of viewing and laying of said road, and Abel Calkins a Special Commissioner of the County, being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board, as in such cases is provided.

In the construction and making of said road, the Commissioners order that the travel path be made twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that the road be turnpiked in a good thorough, workmanlike manner; that a sufficient number of bridges and culverts be made (22 feet long) for the free passage of the water, and to be completed on or before the first day of July A.D. 1845. All to be done to the acceptance of the Commissioners. The hills shall be so graded, that they shall not exceed six degrees rise.

The owners of lands are allowed until the first day of March A.D. 1845 for removing Wood and timber from the same. All of which is submitted.

Samuel Root }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Abel Calkins Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as Common High way.

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of William Pynchon of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the Town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded northerly on land of Josiah Hooker, and lands of Walter Stebbins on the south side of Garden Brook, and running southerly by said brook, near where the field road crosses said brook, running southerly from said brook parallel with the center line of said road, two & a half rods West of the center line of said Rail Road

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to land of Susan Pynchon, and said field road about Sixty three feet;
then running east by my own land to a point
eighty five feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road; then southerly
by my own land, eighty eight feet near the brow of the hill, and the centre
line of said Rail Road, to land of said Josiah Brooks, the place
of beginning, containing one acre three fourths and seven rods of
land. Also, one other piece of land, situate in Springfield, aforesaid
upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail Road, bounded
as follows, Beginning northerly on land of Susan Pynchon (being the
same land lately Edward Pynchon's deceased) and by his Will given
to her during her life, and then to revert to him and his heirs, at
a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail
Road, and running southerly parallell with said centre line of said Rail
to a point two and a half rods East of said centre line of said
Rail Road, at right angles therewith, to land of Horatio Sargeant,
home lot; then running Westerly by said land of said Sargeant, to
land of Festus Stebbins; then Northerly by said Festus Stebbins land
and his own land to the place of beginning. Containing sixty eight rods
land. Also one other piece of land in which said William Pynchon
and his heirs has the fee of said land, situate in Springfield afore-
said, upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail
Road, bounded and described as follows. Beginning northerly on
the first described piece of land, at a point two and a half rods
east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly
parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, to said Pynchon's
own land, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line
of said Rail Road; then running westerly by his own land to land
of Horatio Sargeant, about thirty three feet west, to the centre line
of said Road; then running Northerly by said Sargeants land,
to the field road; then easterly to the placed of beginning, containing
one hundred and thirty seven rods of land; that your petitioners
have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement
with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commission-
ers, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the
amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said William
Pynchon thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 6th day of August, A D. 1844

Charles Hopkins Pet.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County
Commissioners on the sixth day of August A D 1844, and
it was by him ordered that the Commissioners meet at the
Court House in said County on the 10th day of August instant,
at 10 o'clock A M. then and there to act on said petition:
and it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to
the said Pynchon by serving him with an abstract of said
petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon,
previous to the time of said meeting. and Charles Hopkins
as principal and John Child as surety recognize to the County
of Hampden in the sum of five hundred Dollars, conditioned
to save the said County harmless from all cost and expense

on account of said petition.

Miller Phelps Chairman.

To William Lyndon of Springfield in the county of Hampden
Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of
said County setting forth that they have located their Rail
Road in the town of Springfield in said County upon and
over lands owned by you in Springfield, aforesaid, which
lands are particularly described in said petition on file and
further representing that they have not been able to obtain
said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the
Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount
of damages if any sustained by you thereby. You are
hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that
purpose at Springfield the tenth day of August, when and
where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard
upon the subject.

Per Order, Miller Phelps Chairman

Springfield August 6th A. D. 1845.

I hereby certify that I have left a copy of the above
this day at the dwelling house of William Lyndon.

Springfield August 6th 1845 Moses Bliss

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday
of June A. D. 1845 and continued to this meeting. And
now the commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. Aug. 11th 1845. The County Commission-
ers of said county having given reasonable notice to Wil-
liam Lyndon mentioned in the foregoing petition of the
Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation
by serving him with an abstract thereof, as appears by
a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed,
this day met the said Lyndon by his agent Joseph C.
Lyndon, and proceeded to view the premises of said
Lyndon described in said petition, was taken for the loca-
tion of said Rail Road, and having heard the said
Lyndon by his agent above named we have appraised
the damages which the said William Lyndon will suffer
by the location of said Rail Road upon the said
lands at Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars. Also
the damage to the owner of Widow Susan Lyndons
life estate in the premises, we appraise at the sum
of Thirty Dollars. All which is submitted and accepted

Miller Phelps
Austin Keller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root

Which Report was accepted

William Lyndsey is licensed as an Innholder at his stand Lyndseys.
in Blandford near Chester Village and Depot.

The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, Viz

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Inquest upon the body of Joshua M. Parsons, July 20th 1844

Jurymen – E. D. Enoch	2.00
" Samuel Reynold	1.37
" C. L. Cook	1.37
" Bela B. Jones	1.37
" John R. Hixon	1.37
" James H. Black	1.37
Witness – Joseph H. Flint	1.37
" Lewis Edwards	.38
Constable – John L. Mining	.38
	1.18

To Alvan Jones, Coroner, Inquest upon the body of Wright Woodard June 16. 1844

Jurymen – Lockwood Mallet	3.00
" Willard Reed	1.44
" John C. Butterworth	1.37
" Calvin Polly	1.37
" Nehemiah Underwood	1.61
" Squire J. Ballard	1.44
Witnesses – Joseph W. Oles	1.37
" Clarissa Woodard	.50
" Lucy M. Woodard	.50
Constable – Henry Harvell	.50
	1.92

To Richard Bliss, Clerk, Order of Notices on Petitions issuing Venires, Cert. &c. Entry of Petitions &c } 23.78

" Amasa Parsons attendg Probate & Com. Courts, getting up Wood & care of Court House to Oct. 1844. & } 25.25

" Samuel Hartham, Stock, Labor & Prison & repairg House 245.84

" Oliver B. Morris Make privilege for Jail to Sept 1844 6.00

" C. E. White printing blanks 32.75

" Reynolds & Morris Searches, &c. 76.85

" G. & C. Merriam Bibles &c (A. 6) & sums for offices 49.78

" H. Phelps Salaries (A. 6. 6.13

" Seth & Mayo, Bookcase, &c. Registers office 19.25

" James Smith timber &c. Jail 14.64

" James H. Crooks 1/4 Cords Wood Court House 10.69

" Draper & Barker Stationery, Cotton, &c (A. 6) 27.65

" Palmer & Clark, Clothing, &c. (A 6) 20.38

" Caleb Rice, Sheriff serving Orders of Notices, &c 15.50

$602.49

Hampden S. Oct. 3 1844. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Richd Bliss, Clerk.

Dec 1844

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty fourth day of said December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and by adjournment on the fifth day of February, and from day to day to the second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Present— Miller Phelps Esq. Chairman
Samuel Reed, Esq.
Austin Fuller Esq. } County Commissioners—

Ge Dwight's Petn for a Road in Springfield

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, citizens of Springfield, in said County of Hampden respectfully represent, That the public convenience requires that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield between the following termini, viz Commencing on Mulberry Street, so called, in said Springfield, on land of Charles Rice and George Dwight, and William Bryant; thence running Northerly, over land of said Rice, Dwight and Bryant, over land of Chauncey Shepard, over land of George Dwight, over land of John Howard, and over land of Charles Phelps, over land of George Dwight and William Bryant, and over land of Charles Howard, to Union Street, so called, in said Springfield. And the undersigned respectfully pray, that after due proceedings had on the premises, such an Highway may be laid out between the said termini, as the public convenience requires.

Springfield, April 1842

(Signed) George Dwight & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1842 at which meeting it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the 13th day of June next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in

the Hampden Washingtonian a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to P. Bowdoin Esq. Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Attest Rich^{d} Bliss Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made this return as follows.

Hampden ss April 29. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting, it is considered and ordered by the Commissioners, that the petition be dismissed.

J. Bangs sals. Pet for a Jury to apprs Dam^{s}.

To the honorable Court of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at a Court to be holden by them on the fourteenth day of April instant, in the town of Springfield.

The undersigned petitioner respectfully shows that he has been aggrieved by the doings of the said County Commissioners in the laying out of a certain Highway, called Pleasant Street, in the town of Springfield, for that said Commissioners allowed no damages which were occasioned thereby to your petitioner. Said Highway was laid out in the fall of 1841, as will appear by reference to the records of said Court of County Commissioners. Your petitioner respectfully prays that a jury may be impannelled, under the direction of your honorable Court, to apprs the damages sustained thereby by your petitioner.

(Signed) Jonathan Bangs.

Springfield, April 14th 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1842, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

County

Nod R.R. Com'rs pet. for apprs of damages to land of Seth Stebbins

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the lands of Seth Stebbins of Springfield, in the County of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, which land is situated in the town of Springfield, in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof to be taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded as follows. beginning northerly on land of Alonzo Wait, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly parallel with the centre line thereof, to land of Daniel Hitchcock, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; then running westerly by land of said Hitchcock, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road; then running northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith to land of said Wait; then running easterly by land of said Wait to the place of beginning, containing three fourths of an acre of land. Also, one other piece of land, part of said Stebbins' home lot, bounded as follows. Beginning northerly on land of Eli Burt and Lois Burt, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with said centre line to land of Justin Murphy, to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line at right angles therewith; then running westerly by said Murphy's land, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; then running northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to land of said Burts to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; then running easterly by land of said Burt to the place of beginning containing one hundred and twenty four rods of land; that (124 rods) your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Seth Stebbins, thereby, according to law. Dated at Spmgfield, this 12th day of August, A.D. 1844.

Erastus Hopkins, Pet.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the day of August A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the house of Seth Stebbins, in Springfield, on the nineteenth day of August, inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on said petition: and it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the

said Stebbins, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting; and Erastus Hopkins as principal and John Child as Surety recognized to the county of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said county harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October A. D. 1844. and continued to this meeting. And now at this meeting, it is considered and ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

N. & S. R. R. Cor. Pet for to estimate damages on land of Wm Chapin.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located this Rail Road upon and across the land of William Chapin of Springfield in the county of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield, in said county of Hampden, and that part thereof is taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning northerly on land of Hobert, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, about six hundred and eighty eight feet to land of Norman Chapin, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Westerly to Chicopee Street; thence northerly by Chicopee street, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about three hundred eighty two feet to land of said Hobert, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said Hoberts to the place of beginning, containing one acre and forty eight and a half rods land. Also, one other piece of land lying on the Island, so called, bounded and described as follows, Beginning southerly on land of Seth Whiting, at a point thirty one feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running North 4° East, about four hundred eighteen feet, by land of said Whitings to a point fifty feet west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road about four hundred fifty two feet, to land of said Whiting, to a point fifty four feet, west of said centre line of said Rail Road; thence North 77° 40 east, to the place of beginning, containing sixty three 29/10 rods land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount

of damages if any sustained by the said William Chapin thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 26 day of October A.D. 1844.

Moses Bliss. Agent for said Corporation.=

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty sixth day of October A.D. 1844. and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Hotel of W. Chapin in Cabotville on Friday the eighth day of November next, at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that seasonable notice be given to the said Chapin, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. Said Erastus Hopkins as principal and John Chitt as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned that they will save the said county harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps. Chairman.

To William Chapin, of Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Roads in the town of Springfield, aforesaid in said County upon and over lands owned by you at said Springfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at the Hotel of W. Chapin in Cabotville, on Friday the eighth day of November next at ten O'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order, (Cby) Willis Phelps. Chairman

Springfield, October 26. 1844 I hereby certify that I have left the original, at the house of the said William Chapin, of which this is a copy.

Attest Moses Bliss. Agent of N. & S. R. R.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners, make their Report in writing, as follows, viz

Hampden ss. Nov. 8th 1844. The County Commissioners of said County, having given seasonable notice to William Chapin, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract thereunto annexed, met the said William Chapin, and the petitioners, by Erastus Hopkins their agent, at the Hotel of Mr Chapin in Cabotville (this day) being the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Chapin, described in said

petition, we taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Chapin and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Chapin will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the sum of Nine hundred and twenty eight dollars. The Commissioners do also order that the said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and maintain a good and lawful fence between the first described piece of land and the adjoining lands of said William Chapin. Said Rail Road Corporation are also to construct and maintain for the use of said Chapin a good and convenient crossing over said first described piece of land. Said fence and crossing are to be completed previous to the first day of September next. All which is accepted.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report was considered & accepted

N. & S. R. R. Co vs. for apprs. of damages on land of Douglas Chapin.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Quartus Chapin of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield, in said county of Hampden, and that part thereof to taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. bounded Northerly on land of Lewis Ferry jun. at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road about four hundred and eight feet to land of Seth Whiting, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence Westerly by land of said Whiting, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence Northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to land of Lewis Ferry, jun. to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said Lewis Ferry jun. to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and thirty one and one fifth rods of land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by the said Quartus Chapin thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 26 day of October A. D. 1844

Moses Bliss, acting as agent of said Corporation

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty sixth day of October A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Hotel of M. Chapin in

Cabotville on friday the eighth day of November next at 2 oclock P. M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the said Chapin by serving him with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and the time thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Quartus Hopkins as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that they will save the said County harmless from all costs and offences on account of said Petition.

Willis Phelps Chairman

To Quartus Chapin of Springfield in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said county, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield aforesaid in said County, upon and over lands owned by you in said Springfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Hotel of A. Chapin in Cabotville on friday the eighth day of November next at five oclock P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

(Copy) The Order

Springfield Oct. 26. A. D. 1844.

Springfield Oct. 26. 1844. I certify that I have left the original order of which this is a copy at the house of the said Quartus Chapin.

Attest. Moses Bliss, Agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered, on this Meeting And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows. viz

Hampden ss. Nov. 8th 1844. The County Commissioners of said County having given seasonable notice to Quartus Chapin, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract hereunto annexed, met the said Chapin and the petitioners by their agent Erastus Hopkins, at the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Chapin, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road. And having heard the said Chapin, and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damage which the said Chapin will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the sum of Three hundred and thirty three Dollars. It is also ordered, that the said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and

maintain a good and lawful fence between the land described in the foregoing petition and the land of said Chapin. Said corporation shall make and maintain a good and convenient crossing for the use of said Chapin. Said crossing and fence shall be made and completed previous to the first day of August next.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

N. & S. R. R. Co. Pet. for assess. of damages on land of Heirs of Jos. Carew, deceas.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of the heirs of Joseph Carew, deceased of Springfield in the county of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning northerly on land of Seth Stebbins, at a point two and a half rods easterly of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land of Daniel Ketchcock, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence westerly by land of said Ketchcock, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence northerly, parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land of said Ketchcock, at a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly by said Ketchcock's land to his southeast corner bounds; thence northwesterly by his boundary line to land of Seth Stebbins, at a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said road; thence by said Stebbins land to the place of beginning preserving a small piece of land sold by said Carew to said Ketchcock, at the north end of said lot, containing nine and a half rods land, containing one acre and seventy and a half rods land. Also, one other piece of land situate in Springfield, aforesaid, upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail Road, bounded and described as follows: Beginning northerly on land of George Stebbins, at a point two rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly nearly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, to land of Dr Samuel Osgood to a point thirty five and a quarter feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of said Osgood, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, to land of George Stebbins, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said Stebbins

to the place of beginning, containing twenty eight rods land. Also one other piece of land situate in Springfield aforesaid, upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail Road, bounded and described as follows beginning Northerly on land of the heirs of Moses Stebbins, deceased, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith and running southerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road to land of the heirs of Justin Sumbard, deceased, to a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of said heirs, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence northerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road to land of said heirs of said Stebbins, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said heirs of said Stebbins to the place of beginning containing fifty six rods of land: that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said heirs of said Carew, deceased, thereby, according to Law.

Dated at Springfield this day of December A. D. 1844.

By Moses Bliss, acting as agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting—

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss October 2d 1844. Moses Bliss, as agent for the Petitioners named within, applied to the County Commissioners for said County, this day, for the appointment of damages on the within named lands (belonging to the estate of Joseph Carew, deceased) as taken for the location of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road. T. M. Carew, one of and agent for said heirs, being present, and acknowledged the notice then given, as being seasonable. And Erastus Hopkins as principal and John Child as surety, recognized to said county, in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned that they will save said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition. The Commissioners then proceeded to appraise the damage which the said heirs would sustain by the location of said N & S. R. Road, and we do appraise said damage to be three hundred and thirty 75/100 dollars. It is also ordered that the said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and maintain a good and lawful fence between the lands described in the foregoing petition, and the adjoining lands of said Carew estate. Said fence to be made previous to the first day of July next.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report being read & considered, is accepted.

Nor. R. R. Cor. Pet. for assess. of damages on land of Jesse Sikes.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Jesse Sikes of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof to be taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded southerly on the County road, leading from Williamansett to South-Hadley Canal, at the southwesterly corner bounds of land of the school district, at a stone in the ground, and running northerly by said county road, one hundred and forty five feet, to a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land of said district, and land of Lucy Griswold and Fanny Griswold; thence westerly by land of said district and land of said Lucy and Fanny, to the place of beginning, containing twenty five rods land: that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Jesse Sikes thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 26 day of November A. D. 1844.

Moses Bliss, acting as agent for said Corporation

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty seventh day of November, A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Williamansett Hotel, in said Springfield, on tuesday, December 3. 1844, then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that seasonable notice be given to the said Sikes, by serving him with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Erastus Hopkins, as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the county of Hampden in the sum of two hundred Dollars, conditioned to save the said County of harmless for all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

To Jesse Sikes, of Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented this petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Springfield aforesaid, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and therein representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby

notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Williamsville Hotel on Tuesday the third day of December next, when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Willis Phelps. Chairman

(Copy) Per order.

Springfield Nov. 26. A. D. 1844.

Springfield Nov. 27. 1844. I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of James Sikes, the original notice, of which this is a true copy, being the place where his brother the said Jesse who is in the employ of said Jesse as a sawyer, and gave him verbal notice I had left the above notice at his brothers.

Frederick Griswold.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows!

Hampden ss. Dec 3d. 1844. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Jesse Sikes, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract, hereunto annexed, met the said Sikes and the petitioners, by Moses Bliss their agent at the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Sikes described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Sikes and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damage which the said Sikes will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Forty one 25/100 dollars. Frederick Chapin, appearing and claiming an interest in the premises described in the foregoing petition, the Commissioners do appraise the damage to said Chapin by the location of said Rail Road, on lands described in said petition at Three Dollars and seventy five cents.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Fuller } County Commissrs.
Samuel Root }

Which Report is accepted.

N. & S. R. R. Cor. Pet for appr'st. of damages on land of Lewis Perry. Jr

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Lewis Perry, Jun. of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning Southerly on the north side of the north branch of Chicopee River, at a point fifty feet west of the center line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith,

and running northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, three hundred thirty four feet, to land of Seth Whiting, to a point fifty feet West of said centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence east 11° 20' South to the north branch of Chicopee River, eighty two and a half feet from the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence westerly by said River to the place of beginning, containing eighty seven rods of land. Also, one other piece land bounded and described as follows. Beginning northerly on land of Chester W Chapin, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with said centre line to land of Quartus Chapin, to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence westerly by said Quartus Chapins land to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line, about six hundred and sixteen feet to land of said Chester W. Chapin, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence easterly by said Chester W. Chapins land to the place of beginning, containing one acre and twenty seven and one fourth rods land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Lewis Perry jun. thereby, according to law.

Dated Springfield, this 26 day of October A.D. 1844.

Moses Bliss for E. Hopkins, agent of said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty sixth day of October A.D. 1844, and it was by him ordered that the Commissioners meet at the Hotel of M. Chapin in Cabotville, on friday the eighth day of November next, at 2 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the said Perry, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Erastus Hopkins as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the county of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned that they will save the said county harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

To Lewis Perry, jun. of Springfield, in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield aforesaid, in said county, upon and over lands owned by you at said Springfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition

on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Hotel of Mr Chapin in Cabotville, on friday the eighth day November next, at two o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

(Copy.) See order, (Signed) Willis Phelps, Chairman

Springfield, Oct. 26. A. D. 1844.

Springfield Oct 26. 1844. I certify that I have left the original order, of which this is a copy, at the house of Lewis Ferry, jun. Attest- Moses Bliss, Agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make this Report in writing as follows: Hampden ss. Nov. 8th 1844. The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to Lewis Ferry jun. mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract hereunto annexed, met the said Lewis Ferry jr and the petitioners by Erastus Hopkins their agent, at the Hotel of Mr Chapin this day, being the time and place mentioned in said abstract and proceeded to view the premises of said Ferry described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Ferry and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Ferry will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the sum of five Hundred and twenty Dollars. The Commissioners do also order said Rail Road Corporation to construct and maintain a good and lawful fence between the lands described in the foregoing petition and the adjoining lands of said Ferry: Also, to make and maintain a good and convenient crossing (for the use of said Ferry) over the northerly piece of land described in said petition. All which is submitted.-

Willis Phelps
Justin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report is accepted.

N. & S. R. R. Co. Pet. for appr: of damages on land of Eli Burt & others.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners, of the county of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents: that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Eli Burt & Amelia Burt, senior, of Springfield, and Lewis Burt, second, late of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded

northerly on land of late Pliny Chapins, now land of said corporation, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence southerly parallel with said centre line to land of Seth Stebbins, to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of said Stebbins to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about forty rods to land of said Pliny Chapin, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said Chapin, to the place of beginning, containing about one acre and one fourth of an acre of land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Eli, Lois and Lois 2 thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 23 day of September, A. D. 1844

By Moses Bliss, acting agent for the Northampton & Springfield Rail Road Corporation

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty seventh day of September, A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, That the Commissioners meet at the house of Eli Burt in said Springfield on Wednesday the second day of October next at nine O'clock A. M. there and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that seasonable notice be given to the said Burts by serving them with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. Erastus Hopkins, as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two Hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said county harmless for all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Miles Phelps, Chairman.

To Eli Burt and Miriam Burt of Springfield and Lois Burt, late of Springfield aforesaid in the county of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield in said county, over and over lands owned by you at Springfield aforesaid which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. Now are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the House of Eli Burt in Springfield aforesaid, on Wednesday the second day of October next, at nine o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon

the subject.
See order.

Willis Phelps Chairman-

Springfield Sept 23 A. D 1844.

I hereby certify that I have left a copy of the above, this day at the dwelling house of Eli Burt,

Moses Bliss.

Springfield 27. 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make this Report in writing as follows. Hampden ss. Oct. 2 1844. The County Commissioners of said county having given reasonable notice to Eli Burt and Meriam Burt of Springfield, and Lois Burt, late of Springfield in said county mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving them with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract hereunto annexed, met the said Eli Burt and the petitioners, by Moses Bliss, their agent, at the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Burts, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Burt and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Burts will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, as follows, viz. Damage to Eli Burt, two hundred and fifteen dollars. Damage to Lois Burt, five hundred and fifteen dollars. Damage to Meriam Burt, twenty dollars.

Willis Phelps 2d
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Rood

Which Report is accepted.

N. & S. R. R. Cor. Pet. to assess damages on land of Lucy & Fanny Griswold.

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Fanny Griswold and Lucy Griswold of Springfield in the County of Hampden which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz Beginning northerly on the border of land left for a Mill Pond, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, to land of Orange Chapin to a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of said Chapin, and land late Otis Skeele, to a point two and a half rods westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to land belonging to the District, upon a point which is a school House, two

and a half rods westerly of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence easterly by said Mill Pond, to the place of beginning, reserving the right which the public have to the use of a road leading from Williamsett to South Hadley that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the county commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Fanny and Lucy thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 25th day of November A. D. 1844.

Moses Bliss, acting as agent for said Corporation

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty fifth day of November A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, That the Commissioners meet at the Williamsett Hotel in said Springfield on tuesday December 3. 1844, then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the said Lucy and Fanny, by serving them with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and of this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Erastus Hopkins as principal and John Child as surety, recognise to the County of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless for all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman

To Fanny Griswold and Lucy Griswold of Springfield in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Springfield aforesaid, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Williamsett Hotel, on tuesday the third day of December next, when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

(Copy). Per order, Willis Phelps, Chairman.

Springfield 25th day Nov. A. D. 1844.

Springfield, Nov. 25. I certify that I have left with the said Fanny and Lucy Griswold, the original notice, of which this is a true copy.

Attest Moses Bliss.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden ss. Dec. 3 1844. The County Commissioners

of said County having given seasonable notice to Lucy Griswold and Fanny Griswold mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving them with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract hereunto annexed, met the said parties by their agents at the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Lucy and Fanny described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said parties fully on the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Lucy and Fanny will suffer by the location of said Rail Road, upon the said lands at the sum of Four Hundred and ninety two dollars. It is also ordered that the said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and maintain a good and lawful fence between the land described in the foregoing petition and the lands of said Fanny and Lucy. Said Corporation shall construct and maintain a Culvert, in such a manner that the water from the Millimansette Brook shall set back under the Rail Road, so that it may be used by the said Griswolds for watering cattle, &c.

Willis Phelps,
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report being read & considered is accepted.—

Springfield Dec. 25th 1844.

J. W. Hardy
Pet for abatement of Taxes.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for Hampden County Gentlemen, Your petitioner humbly sheweth, that he is a citizen of the town of Wilbraham in said County of Hampden, and that he had on the first day of May last last personal property to be taxed for, than in 1843, and the same real estate and no more. Yet the assessors have seen fit to impose upon him an unreasonable tax compared with his tax in former years, or compared with his fellow townsmen. And he having applied to the board of assessors, through their chairman for an abatement without success, would humbly request your Honors do him justice in the premises

J. W. Hardy.

P. S. The enclosed certificate of the collector of taxes in Wilbraham, will shew you the state of the money tax. The highway tax which has for two or three years last, been between two and three Dollars, is this year $6.31, and yet the town has raised no more money for the highways than in years past.

J. W. H.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered by the County Commissioners that the tax, so assessed upon the property of the said John W. Hardy, by the said assessors, to wit upon merchandise mortgaged to him and one Stebbins be abated one half the amount, and that the said Hardy, recover his costs.

Colton.

Diamond Colton Jun is licensed as an Innholder in the town of Longmeadow, at the house near the meeting House in said Town.

Order. Com. to settle. &

Ordered, That Willis Phelps and Norman Morton be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

Order to Clerk to Draw his Warrant. &c.

Ordered, That the Clerk draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of Two hundred and thirty five Dollars, in favor of the following persons in full for damages accrued to them on Location of Roads, viz: Ashbel Fowler 70.00: Loren Clark, forty five dollars; Harvey Sumbard, forty dollars; Erastus Sumbard, seventy dollars; Bixby, Ten dollars.

County Estimate 1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, held at Springfield in and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1844. The County Commissioners, taking into Consideration the necessity of raising a County Tax, to defray the current expenses of this County, for the year next ensuing, have made an estimate as follows:

For the payment of Grand and Traverse Jurors	$3000.
" One third expenses criminal Prosecutions	1300.
" Clerk of Court for Juries, Dockets, &c	200.
" Sheriffs, Constables, Criers of Court, &c	900
" Service of Writs	150
" Dieting Prisoners, and articles for the Jail	1600
" Coroners, for taking Inquisitions	150.
" Support of Prisoners in House of Correction	800.
" Repairs and fixtures for county buildings	500
" Books and Stationery for County Offices	100
" County Commissioners, Agents, Committees, &c.	1200
" Damage for Lands, fences, &c by Location Highways	2000
" Allowance to Towns for making roads & bridges	1200
" Repairs of County bridges	400
" Outstanding debts against the county after deducting balance of taxes for the Years 1844, and other available resources	500
	14.000

Ways and Means.

Estimated receipts from fines, forfeitures, and other resources	3 / 000
County Tax for the year 1845	13 $ 00
	14.000

The whole tax to be assessed for defraying the expenses of the County for the year 1845, is estimated as above at thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose, and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for

approbation, and order according to the provisions of law in that behalf.
Willis Phelps, Chairman County Comm.

Accounts.

Sundry accounts against the County being now presented for allowance, amounting to the sum of Three thousand two hundred and fifty two 73/100 Dollars, are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. viz

To Ralph Day Support of prisoners in Jail to Dec. 1st 1844	$1433.69
" do Support of prisoners in House of Correction to the first day of December 1844	683.75 233.66
" Samuel Bowles Publishing Statement of Finances &c	9.25
" G. & C. Merriam, paper, Dict. &c	10.39
" William Stow advertising County Abstract, Petitions &c	22.00
" T. B. Durant, to work & materials	6.19
" B. F. Brown Record Books & alphabets	8.00
" Geoge Booth Surveying Road in Sudbow	1.25
" A. G. Bannatt advertising County Abstract, Petitions &c	12.00
" H. G. Hale & Co Labor Leaf Mats	2.00
" Reynolds & Morris, Blankets, Sheeting, thread &c	46.45
" Taylor & Crane Sills &c (H.G)	30.41
" Elijah Ashley advertising County expenses, &c	15.00
" Manson Whitney advertising Abstract	3.25
" D. L. Ruddock & Co. advertising Petitions	32.75
" Amasa Parsons attending Court, Sweeping, &c	47.75
" do Probate Court	10.00
" U. D. Beach Paper Hangings	4.38
" O. J. Seamans, Surveying Sundry Roads	13.00
" Bliss, Chapin & Co. Brooms Candles, Lime, &c	18.31
" Elkanah Barton, Labor & materials House of Cor.	201.69
" Franklin Newell, Sundry Surveys	9.25
" William Rice amount paid in Criminal Bills viz Feby T 1844 313.71 June T 1844 370.49 Oct. T. 593.17	1277.37
" Caleb Rice, Orders of Notice, Refreshment for Jury &c.	15.49
" Richd Bliss Clerk, Cert. &c. Orders of Notices Notice, Recordg Comrns Records &c.	26.44
" A. Brewer Baskets, Desk &c	4.00
" Elijah Blake 10.67 – Sole. Haleh. 16.67 Wm Child 16.67 – Orders of H of Cor 50 – making 83	= 50.01
" Willis Phelps 10.00. W. Norton, 5.00 Com to select. William Rice, 10.	25.00
	$3252.73

Inhabitants of Brimfield Petition for Certiorari

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

I hereby certify that at the Supreme Judicial Court held at Northampton, within and for the County of Hampshire, and for the Counties of Franklin and Hampden, September A. D. 1844. On the Petition of the Inhabitants of Brimfield for Certiorari against the County Commissioners of said County of Hampden. it was Ordered that the proceedings of said County Commissioners in the location of a road in Brimfield on the petition of Daby Blodgett & others be quashed.

Richd Bliss Clerk of S. J. Courts

Hampden ss. Feby 7th 1845. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Richd Bliss Clerk

April 1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the eighth day, and from day to day to the tenth day; and by adjournment on the eighth day of May, and from day to day to the eighth day of said May; and by adjournment on the twenty third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Present, Willis Phelps Esq. Chairman
Samuel Root, Esq.,
Austin Fuller, Esq. } County Commissioners

E. Miller, et als Petition for alteration of Road from Palmer to Wales

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden.

Humbly shew the undersigned Inhabitants of the towns of Palmer, Brimfield and Wales, in said County that the road leading from the Rail Road in said Palmer, to the center of said Wales, by the way of the "Hollow Road" so called, passing by the house of Col. Robert Andrews in said Brimfield, and which is now the most direct and the most travelled road from the Rail Road in said Palmer to said Wales, is in many parts very circuitous and hilly; and in the opinion of the undersigned, many of the crooks and hills in said road might with comparatively little labor and expense, be straightened or cut off, shunned and avoided, and the road in other respects altered and improved.

The undersigned would also say, that the travel on said road is very considerable, and that, in their opinion, the good of the public demands that the alterations and improvements herein mentioned, in said road, should be made. The undersigned would also say to your honorable Board, that the road leading from the dwelling house of Suttle Charles, in said Brimfield, to the center of said town, is also, in some parts circuitous and hilly, and in their opinion, might without great expense, and with much benefit to the public, be altered and greatly improved. Now, therefore, the undersigned pray that your Honors would come on to and view the said roads, as soon as conveniently may be, and being convinced, as we fully believe your Honors will be, of the great utility of the alterations and improvements in said roads herein mentioned, order and

sure the same to be made, And as in duty bound shall ever pray.

(Signed) Cornelius Miller & others.

Dated Sept 13. 1843.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first tuesday of Oct. A. D. 1843.

And thereupon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Cornelius Miller, in Wales, on tuesday the fourteenth day of November next, at 9 O'clock, A. M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of towns of Wales and Brimfield, in said county, thirty days at least, before the said fourteenth day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in ten public places in the towns of Wales and Brimfield fourteen days before said fourteenth day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Attest Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December, A. D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as follows,

Hampden ss. Oct 11. 1843. I served the town Clerk of Brimfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his usual place of abode. On the 11th day of said October, I served the town Clerk of Wales with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in ten public places in each of said towns, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners, made their

Report in writing, as follows;

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said county, on the first tuesday of October in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the Petition of Cornelius Miller and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from the Rhit Road in Palmer to the center of said Wales, by the "Hollow Road," so called, passing by the house of Col. Robert Andrews in Brimfield is circuitous and hilly, and that the same may be straightened, and hills avoided; also that the road leading from the dwelling house of Luke Charles in Brimfield to the center of said town, is also circuitous and hilly, and that the same may be improved, to benefit the public travel, as by said petition on file will appear;

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed tuesday, the fourteenth day of November then next, and nine O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Cornelius Miller in Wales as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the Towns of Brimfield and Wales, being the towns within which such roads are situate, prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth tuesday of December, then next; at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that some alterations and changes of location should be made in said roads, and that the prayer of said petition be granted, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boise
Cyrus Knox
Forbes Kyle
} County Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted; And the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

At which meeting it was Ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Cornelius Stiles, in Wales, on Thursday the twenty second day of August, next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of establishing said alterations and improvements, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Independant Democrat, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 22d day of August, And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the Towns of Wales and Brimfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Wales and Brimfield fourteen days at least before the said 22d day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said Alterations and Improvements, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alterations of said road.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows,

Hampden ss. July 22^{d} 1844. I served the Town Clerks of each of the towns of Brimfield and Wales, with an attested copy of this petition and order, by giving a copy to the Clerk of Brimfield, and leaving a copy at the dwelling house of the Clerk of Wales; and Posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report, in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,

in said county, on the first tuesday of October, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Cornelius Miller and others, them presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the road leading from the Rail Road in Palmer to the center of said Wales, by the Holland Road so called, passing by the house of Col. R. Andrews, in Brimfield is circuitous and hilly, and that the same may be straightened, and the hills avoided. Also that the road leading from the dwelling house of Luke Charles, in Brimfield to the center of said town is circuitous and hilly, and that the same may be improved; as by said petition, on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed tuesday the fourteenth day of November, then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Cornelius Miller, in Wales, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield and Wales, being the town within which such alterations and locations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view;

And on the said fourteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth tuesday of December then next. At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common Convenience and necessity require, that some alterations and changes of location be made in said roads, and Submitted their Report, accordingly; And after adjudicating as aforesaid, the Commissioners appointed thursday the twenty second day of August, then next, and nine O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Cornelius Miller, in said Wales, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay

out and establish said highway. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested, on claims for damage in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof,) on the said 22d day of August, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a common highway, on said petition, as follows, viz:

Commencing at a Post, in the Wall, about three rods north of a Maple tree, on land owned by Alured Homes; thence south, 84½° W 17 rods, to a stake and stones; thence N. 84½° W 13 rods 15 links; thence N. 10 W 17 r and 10 links; thence N. 59 W. 8 rods and 4 links, to a stake and stones; thence N 49½° W. 25 rods and 20 links, to Luke Charles' land; thence N. 51¼° W. 38½ rods; thence N. 18° W. 5 rods and 8 links; thence N. 6½° W. 7 rods, to a white Oak tree; thence N. 18° W. 12 rods, to the north side of the highway leading by said Charles', to Brimfield meeting house; said Bearing and distances, describe the north line of said Road; which is laid three rods wide.

After making said locations, the Commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in the matter of damage (who wished to be heard) and made their assessments of damage as follows, viz:

To Alured Homes, Seventy five dollars. 75.00

" Luke Charles, twenty dollars 20.00

On the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and that a sufficient number of Culverts be made, for the free passage of the water.

The whole of said road is to be made and completed, previous to the first day of October, 1845.

Willis Phelps, }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners,
Samuel Root }

Which Report, being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road laid out and established, as a Public Highway.

To the County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden,

We, the undersigned subscribers, inhabitants of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pray your Honorable Board to view the road commencing at the North end of Bowles' Bridge, so called, in West Parish in said Town;

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from thence to the School House in said West Parish; likewise, to view the road commencing at widow Eagey Noble's, in said West Parish; thence running to Westfield Green, and to make such alterations and repairs, as you may judge necessary, upon each of said roads. As in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed Thomas Loomis & others.

This Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1843. and continued to the meeting on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord 1844.

And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Thomas Loomis, in Westfield, on Thursday the thirteenth day of June next, at nine o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield, in said County thirty days, at least, before the said thirteenth day of June, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Past, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield, fourteen days before said 13th day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid,

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of June, A. D. 1844. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows

Hampden ss. May 14th 1844. I served the town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before said meeting.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of

the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, and by adjournment on the eighth day May, then next.

On the petition of Thomas Loomis and others, then presented, to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the petitioners are desirous that a view may be had of the road Commencing at the north end of Bowles' Bridge, so called, from thence to the School house, in the West Parish in Westfield. Also, of the road Commencing at widow Eager Stobbs', in said West Parish; thence running to Westfield Green, and to make such alterations and Repairs as shall be thought proper; as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed thursday the thirteenth day of June then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Thomas Loomis, in said Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield, being the town within which such alterations of said highways are proposed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that some alterations should be made, and the Commissioners make and submit their Report, accordingly.

Willis Phelps, }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Bancroft & Loomis in Westfield, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of August next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating such alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fourteenth day of August.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Westfield, fourteen days at least, before the said fourteenth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said alterations.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows,

Hampden, ss. July 4. 1844. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four;

On the petition of Thomas Loomis, and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the petitioners pray that the Commissioners view the road commencing at the north end of Bowles' Bridge, (so called) in the West Parish of Westfield; from thence to the school house in said West Parish; likewise to view the road commencing at widow Eaga Nobles, in said West Parish; thence running to Westfield Green, and to make such alterations and repairs, as shall be thought

purpose as by said petition in filed will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of June then next and q'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Thomas Loomis, in said Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such alterations of said highways are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said county, said posting and last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view;

And on the said thirteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petitioners be granted, and submitted their Report accordingly, June A. D. 1844. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Bancroft & Loomis, in said Westfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to laying out and establishing said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication, and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested, on claims for damage in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fourteenth day of August, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a common highway, on said petition as follows, viz,

Commencing at a White Oak tree, near the north end of Cowles's Bridge, and running South, 45° W. 12

rods 15 links, to a stake in the fence, by land of Orren Bowles; thence South 34° W 15 rods to a stake, in said Bowles garden; thence by said Bowles' S 26½° W 24 rods, to a small butternut tree, in the fence; thence South 46° W 22 rods 5 links, to a stake in the stone Wall, by said Bowles' land; thence S 34¼° E. 17 rods 10 links, to a joint by the stone wall, on land of Martin Bowles'; thence S. 33¾° E 15 rods 10 links, to a stake 4 ft southerly of the corner of said Martin's Wood shed; then S. 40° E. 7 rods 14 links, by said Bowles' house, to land of Martin Sackett; thence S 29° E. 36 rods 23 links, to a notch cut six inches from the corner on Martin Sackets door yard fence; then S. 28° E. 14 rods 14 links to the corner of Hial Holcomb's cowhouse; thence S. 18¾° E 4 rods 8 links to corner of said Holcombs door yard; thence on said Holcombs land, South 8° E 17 rods, 16 links; then south 38° E. 8 rods 2 links, to corner of Elijah Porter's land; then on said Porter's land, S. 39° E. 12 rods 9 links, to a white oak, at the corner of George Nelson's land, then on said Nelson's land. S 35½° E. 28 rods 6 links, to a stake 2 feet Westerly of a white Oak, on said Nelson's land; then S 39° E. 33 rods 15 links, to a stake, near the corner of Orren Jones' garden; then South 13° E 5 rods; then S 21° W. 24 rods 5 links, to a point 3 rods easterly of a Walnut tree, near the school house.

Also, one other piece of road, Beginning at a maple tree by the fence, northerly and near the corner of Thomas Loomis' tavern, and running S 45½° E. 8 rods 17 links to a stake; thence S 65½° E. 67 rods 16 links, to a stake, near the house of Tho^s Bowles'; then S. 70° E. 34 rods to a stake in the fence, by the highway adjoining the land of Ichiel Shepard. This road to be three rods wide.

And after making said locations, the Commissioners aforesaid, to notice for that purpose, heard all persons who wished to be heard, in claims for damage, and made their assessments as follows, viz:

To	Orren Bowles four dollars	$4.00
"	Martin Bowles, two dollars	2.00
"	Jonas Hale, two dollars	2.00
"	Martin Sackett, Seven dollars	7.00
"	Hial Holcomb, five dollars	5.00
"	Joshua Loomis, five dollars	5.00
"	Thomas Loomis, nine dollars	9.00
"	Lester Loomis, thirteen	13.00
"	Tho^s Loomis, do four dollars	4.00
"	Bowles eight dollars	8.00

In the construction of said Road the Commissioners order that the Travelled path be made fifteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, that there be a sufficient number of good and substantial culverts and bridges made for the free passage of the water. All to be made and completed to the accep-

Order of the County Commissioners) previous to the first day of July 1846.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Root } County Commissioners—
Austin Fuller

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Roads located and established as and for Public Highways—

A Broadway 1st Petition for Road in Monson & Wales.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden—

The petition of the Subscribers, humbly represents that in their opinion the public convenience and necessity require, that a new road be constructed, commencing near the Methodist meeting house in Monson; thence an Easterly direction crossing the line between Monson and Wales; thence easterly until it intersects the road leading to Wales meeting house, near the house of Moses Sherman, in said Wales. We therefore, pray that a view may be had, and that such other measures may be adopted, as shall be necessary to carry the prayer of said petition into effect; and as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Armon Bradway & others.

May 26 1843—

This Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A. D 1843 & continued to the meeting on the second Tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord 1844.

"And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Amos Noyes, in Monson, on Wednesday the 29th day of May, next, at 9 O'clock, A.M; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the Towns of Monson and Wales, in said county, thirty days, at least, before the said 29th day of May, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in five public places in the towns of Monson and Wales, fourteen days before said 29th day of May, and that notice be given, in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient

and proper, and that a view of the same will be necessary for them at the time and place aforesaid.

Richd Bliss. Clerk."

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1844. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows—

Hampden ss. April 27. 1844. I served the town Clerks of Monson and Wales, each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to each; and also posted up in each of said towns, in two public places, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Aaron Bradway & others, then presented, to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the public convenience and necessity requires, that a new road should be laid out and constructed commencing near the Methodist meeting house in Monson thence running in an easterly direction, until it intersects the road running to Wales meeting house, near the house of Moses Sherman in Walls, they therefore pray that a view may be had of said road and such measures be taken as shall be thought necessary to carry the prayer of the petitioners into effect, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the 29th day of May then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Norcross, in said Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the Town of Monson and Wales, being the towns within which such locations of said highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County; said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described

of the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 29th day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, (in whole or partly) and the Commissioners make and submit their report accordingly.

Willis Phelps } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }
Abel Calkins, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, by the County Commissioners, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Amos Norcop, in Monson, on Wednesday the twenty first day of August, next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper, printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of August.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the town of Monson and Wales with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Monson and Wales, fourteen days at least before the said 21st day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may there and then desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Richd Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners.

And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden ss. July 20th 1844. I served the town

Clerk of Monson, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by giving him an attested copy thereof and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 22d day of July I served the Town Clerk of Wales with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

A. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, to wit,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Marian Bradway & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the public convenience and necessity require that a new road should be laid out and constructed, commencing near the Methodist meeting house in Monson, thence running in an easterly direction until it intersects the road running to Wales Meeting house, near the house of Moses Sherman, in Wales they therefore pray, that necessary measures be taken to carry the prayer of the petitioners into effect, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twenty ninth day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Norcross in said Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Monson and Wales, being the town within which such location of said highways are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty ninth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next

regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing the Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petitions, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayers of the petitioners be granted, and the Commissioners make and submit their Report accordingly. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty first day of August then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Norcross, in said town, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested on claims for damage, in same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of August met, and proceeded to lay and and establish a common highway on said petition, as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point 3 rods northwesterly of the north west corner of the Ormsby house, so called, in the easterly line of the Turnpike; thence S. 71½° E. 37½ rods to a stake and stones at the commencement of the new route; thence S. 34¾° E. 24½ rods to a stake and stones on Lyman Shaw's land; thence S 55° E 11½ rods, to a pine tree marked; thence on said Shaw's land S 82½° E. 9 rods, to an Oak; thence S 40½° E 15¾ r. to a pine tree; thence S. 55° E. 18½ r to a Chesnut tree; thence S 36° E 45 rods to a stake and stones; thence S 33° E. 8 r. to Rufus Stebbins' land; thence, on the same point, 18 rods, to said Shaw's land; thence on the same point, 12 r to a stake; thence S. 45° E. 30 rods to Rufus Stebbins' land; thence on the same point, 10 r on said Stebbins' to a white Oak marked; thence S 37½ E. 9⅞ R. to a white Oak; thence S 20½° E. 29 R. to a white Oak; thence S. 22¼° E 15½ R. to a white birch stadale; thence S¼° E. 53 rods, to a maple tree; thence S. 19° E 24 R to Josiah Conants land; thence on the same point 16 R. to a post in the barn yard fence, about 28 Links southerly from the barn; thence S. 7¼° E 17¾ R to a stake and stones, intersecting the road leading by said Conants Saw mill; thence N. 86½° E 13 R; thence N. 81° E 17 rods to a stake and stones; thence S. 84° E 22 R to a White Oak, by widow Skinners land; thence S. 56½° 18 R. to a pile of large stones; thence S. 43° E 21 rods, to a stake; thence S. 29° E. 18 rods to a stake; thence S. 23½° E 19 R. to a stake, by land of

Samuel Walbridge; thence on said Walbridges' land, S. 12° E. 9 rods to a White Oak; thence S. 11° E 34 R. to a large rock, by Carlton Squires' land: thence on said Squires land S. 18½° E 10 rods, to a black Oak tree; thence S 31° E. 10 R to another black Oak; thence S. 53° E 9 R, to the old Clover mill Road; thence on the same point, about 14 R. to a black Oak; thence S 39° E. 12 rods to a stake, intersecting the road leading by Ranselear Squires. Said bearing and distances describe the West and south line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

The Commissioners also proceeded to establish and lay out on said petition, one other common highway, situated in the town of Wales; Commencing at the butment of the wall, a little east of the brook, and near the house of widow Eaton; thence N. 28° E 13¾ rods, to a stake and stones; thence N 47¼° E 18 rods, to a stake and stones; thence N. 47° E 15 rods, on land owned by widow Eaton; thence N. 48½ E. 15½ rods to a maple staddle; thence N 47½ E. 8 rods to a maple tree; thence N. 46 E. 6¾ rods to a large stump; thence N. 40½ E. 19 rods, to a White birch staddle on land owned by James Dimock; thence N. 21½ E 8¼ rods, to Chesnut tree; thence N. 7° E. 7 rods, to a white Birch; thence N. 11° E. 11¾ rods to a chesnut tree; thence N. 18½° E. 10½ rods to black birch tree; thence N 34 E. 16 rods to a Chesnut tree on land owned by Doct. Smith; thence N. 34° E. 13 rods, to a large rock; thence N. 23½° E. 17 R. to an Oak; thence N. 50° E. 7 rods to a rock; thence N. 63 E. 11 R. to a rock; thence N. 27½ E. 30 rods to the west butment of the bar way, on the south side of the highway, on land owned by Moses Sherman. Said bearings and distances describe the West line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said locations, the commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons on the matter of damage (such wished to be heard) and made their assessments of damage as follows, viz,

To Symeon Shaw, one hundred and five dollars	$105.	
" Rufus Stebbins, one hundred and forty dollars	140.	
" Josiah Lemont, ten dollars	10.	
" Wid. E. Skinner, forty dollars	40.	
" Samuel Walbridge thirty dollars	30.	
" Colton Squires, fifteen dollars	15.	
" Hiram King, five dollars	5.	
To Wid. Eaton, thirty dollars	30.	Am Paid
" Dod Smith, twenty five dollars	25	
" James Dimock, fifteen dollars	15	
" Moses Sherman, seventy five dollars	75	

Austin Fuller, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an Inhabitant of the town of Monson, in which a part of said road is situated, did not act with the Board in the viewing and laying out of said roads, and Abel

Calkins one of the Special Commissioners of the County, being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board, as in such case is provided.

In the construction and making of said roads, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and that a sufficient number of culverts and bridges shall be constructed, in a durable and workmanlike manner, for the free passage of the water; the hill near Lyman Shaw's barn is to be excavated two feet deep, and the earth placed at the bottom of the hill, near the guide board. The road must be so constructed that it may be good getting on from the old road to the new road, where it commences, on land of Lyman Shaw; the hill, also, on said Shaw's land shall be thoroughly turnpiked, and if it is found to be very sandy, it must be hardened with loam, so it will make a good travelled path. The abutments at the bridge, near Conants mill, are to be relaid, and made five feet higher than they now are. The road northerly of a white Oak tree, in front of Conants Saw mill, is to be excavated 2½ feet, and the earth placed in the embankment near the bridge. The hill, near where the road enters widow Eaton's pasture, must not exceed four degrees, after the road is worked. The whole of said Repairs to be made and Completed previous to the first day of October, 1845.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Abel Calkins Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Roads located and established as Common Highways.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The Subscribers, inhabitants of Springfield, Represent that the public Convenience requires that Worthington Street in Springfield should be extended easterly, over lands of William Sheldon, Willis Phelps, and others, to Armory Street; they therefore request your Board to view and establish a Highway from the East end of Worthington Street, to Armory Street, as soon as may be.

Springfield, March 9, 1844

(Signed) H. H. Buckland & others.

H. H. Buckland & al. Petition for continuance of Worthington St. in Springfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, A. D. 1844. At which meeting the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the twenty seventh day

of June next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, in said county, thirty days at least, before the said 27th day of June, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Independent Democrat, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in five public places in the town of Springfield, fourteen days before said 27th day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1844. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the above order, made his return as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss. May 20th 1844. I served the town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, more than 14 days before said meeting, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, to wit

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of H. H. Buckland & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires that Worthington Street in Springfield should be extended easterly, on lands of William Sheldon, Willis Phelps, and others, to Armory Street; the petitioners therefore request that a view of the premises may be had, and a Highway be established, as soon as may be, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty seventh day of June then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said County, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town

within which such highway is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 27th day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties, at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, the Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Miles Phelps, one of the County Commissioners being interested, as an inhabitant of Springfield, did not act on the above named petition, and Abel Calkins, one of the Special Commissioners, acted in his stead.

All which is submitted, and accepted.

Samuel Root }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Abel Calkins, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1844, and by adjournment on the fifth day of February, A. D. 1845. At which meeting it was Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the thirteenth day of March next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper, printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said 13th day of March. And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County,

or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Springfield, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Springfield, fourteen days at least, before the said 13th day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and ajess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rick^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz

Hampden ss. Febr. 11th. 1845. I served the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition, and order thereon, by leaving the same at his Office, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report, in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of H. H. Brookhouse & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires that Worthington Street, in Springfield, should be extended easterly to Armory Street, the petitioners therefore request, that the premises may be viewed and a Highway established, according to the prayer of the petitioners, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty seventh day of June then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said County, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time

appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of March then next, and 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court House in said County, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway; and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing all persons interested in claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirteenth day of March, and by adjournment on the ninth day of April, then next, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common highway in said petition as follows, viz.

Beginning at a stake, standing on the easterly line of Spring street, south 30° East six rods and 14½ links from the southwesterly corner of C. A. Bugbee's new brick house; thence from said stake N. 48° 20' E. forty three rods and 4 links to a marked fence post by land of Wm. Howe; thence on the same course (N. 48° 20' E.) on land of said Howe and Wm. Sheldon 27 rods and 23 links, to a stake on the summit of a knoll, in said Sheldon's pasture; thence N. 52½° E 42 rods and 20 links, on land of said Sheldon and Willis Phelps, to a stake standing S. 59° 10' W. 10 rods and 9½ links from the southwesterly corner of the new house, owned by Henry Rask; thence on land of said Phelps N 80° 25' E. sixty nine rods and 12 links, to a stake on the westerly line of Armory Street. The line run is the Southerly side of said road; and the same is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the Commissioners made their assessment of damage as follows, viz.

To William Howe, Sixty five dollars $65.

" William Sheldon, Seventy dollars 70.

Willis Phelps one of the County Commissioners, being interested, did not act with the Board in the proceedings in viewing and laying said road, and Watson E. Boise, a Special Commissioner of the County, being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board, as in such cases is provided.

In the construction and making of said road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and that a sufficient number of brick or stone culverts be constructed in a durable and workmanlike manner for the free passage of the water; that the earth be taken from the knolls, and put into the hollows, so that there shall not any of the hills (where the road passes over the lands of Howe or Sheldon) exceed 4° rise, after the road is completed. The whole of said road to be made and completed on or before the first day of October 1845, and to the acceptance of the Commissioners. Willis Phelps is allowed one year, from the time the road is completed, for the removal of his fence, which is on the southerly part of said road.

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root }
Watson E. Boise, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the Road laid out and established as and for a Common Highway—

Wm Pynchon Pet. for a Jury to Apprs Dams on location of N. & S. R. R.

To the Hon. Court of County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1844.

William Pynchon, of said Springfield respectfully represents, that he feels himself aggrieved by the estimation of the damages occasioned to him by the location of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road, through and over his lands in said town of Springfield, as the same were estimated by this Court, on the 20th day of August last; he therefore, at this first regular meeting of this Board, since that time, prays the County Commissioners to order a jury to be summoned, to appraise the damages occasioned to him by said location, according to the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated at Springfield, this first day of October, A. D. 1844.

William Pynchon.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1844 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is Ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

North & Springfd R. Road Corpn Pet for apprs of dam on land of C. W. Chapin,

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Chester W.

Chapin of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz, Beginning northerly on land of Charles McClellan, at a point fifty feet westerly from Station 168.63 of the centre line of location, measured on said McClellans south line (lying southerly of the Ferry road) and thence southerly, about seventy four feet, to a point forty eight feet westerly of said centre line; thence southerly one hundred eighty four feet, to a point fifty feet from said centre line; thence eighty seven feet southerly, to a point on the northerly side of the road leading from the village to the lumber yard on the bank of Connecticut river; thence easterly on said road, one hundred and seven feet, to a point forty seven and a half feet easterly of said centre line; thence northerly forty feet to a point fifty feet from said centre line; thence northerly one hundred ninety four feet, to a point fifty eight feet easterly of said centre line; thence northerly, about eighty five feet, to a point on land of said Charles McClellan, and ninety feet easterly of said centre line, measured on said McClellans south line; thence westerly one hundred and forty feet to the place of beginning, and containing one hundred twenty seven rods land.

Also, one other piece of land, lying in Springfield aforesaid, bounded and described as follows; lying westerly of Chicopee Street; Beginning northerly by land of Giles S. Chapin, at a point two and a half rods easterly of the centre line of location, and thence southerly nearly parallel with said centre line, about six hundred fifty feet, to land of Lewis Ferry, to a point thirty two and a half feet easterly of the line of said road; thence westerly by land of Lewis Ferry, eighty five feet; thence northerly, about six hundred thirty eight feet parallel with said centre line, to land of Giles S. Chapin; thence easterly by said Giles S. Chapin's land, to the place of beginning, containing one Acre and thirty seven rods land. That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Chester W. Chapin thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 25th day of February, A. D. 1845.

Moses Bliss,

Acting as Agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners, and by the said Commissioners, ordered to be dismissed. The petitioners withdraw their application.

E. Barton et al
Petition for
working
State Street.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
April Term, 1845.

The subscribers, Inhabitants of the town of Springfield, respectfully represent, That the County Commissioners, for said County, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two, after due proceedings in that behalf had, did, on the first day of October in said year, 1832, lay and establish a certain road or highway, as a county road, being a continuation of State Street, in said Springfield, westward from Main Street to the bank of Connecticut river, as follows, to wit; Beginning at a stake standing on the West side of Main Street, in said Springfield, on a course bearing South 46° W. from the southwest corner of Dwight's south store, four rods and six links, and measuring from the northwest corner of Barrus's building, six rods and three and a half links, and running from said stake S. 47° W. 23 rods, to a stake on the brow of the hill; thence S. 48° 20' W. 56 rods, to a stake on the bank of the river, which is the Northerly line of said road; then returning for the southerly line, began at a stake, on the said bank, standing three rods E. 48° 20' S. from the stake at the termination of the northerly line, and run thence, N. 48° 20' E. to a stake at the brow of the hill; thence North 49° 40' E. to a point on the Westerly side of Main Street, three rods and sixteen links, from the stake where the running of the northerly line of the road commenced." And the said County Commissioners then and there ordered and prescribed, as follows, to wit, that "the owners of buildings on the land taken for said Road, were to be allowed to permit said buildings to remain ten Years from the date thereof, to wit, from said first day of October, A. D. 1832, and that all other obstructions and incumbrances were to be removed in six months, which time was by said Commissioners, allowed the owners thereof to remove them; and the said Commissioners did then and there assess damages for land taken for said road as follows, viz. To Jeremy Warriner, one dollar; for the heirs and devisees of Thomas Bates, dec'd. to George Colton, their trustee, four hundred dollars; the other owners of land, having relinquished all claim to damages. And the said County Commissioners did then and there also order and prescribe, That the travelled path of said road should be wrought, at least twenty five feet wide, in all parts that were or might be unobstructed, and in the parts obstructed, to be as wide as convenience would allow; to be done by the first day of June then next, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. The subscribers further state, that the said George Colton, trustee as aforesaid, being dissatisfied with the amount of damages assessed to him as aforesaid, did then, afterwards, to wit, on the 5th day of April, 1833, petition for and obtain a Jury or committee, in pursuance of the statute in this behalf, to wit, a committee consisting of

John Wyles, Thomas Bond, and William Child, for the purpose (if they should so determine) of increasing said damages, and that, after considering the same, and hearing all parties in interest, the said Committee reported that $300 additional damages should be allowed to said trustee, making in all $700. for the removal of said buildings and the land Taken; which Report was accepted, and recorded, and said $700 was duly paid to and accepted by said trustee, to wit on the 15th day of April. A. D. 1833. as appears by voucher No 1091. in the Treasurer's office of said County.

The subscribers further state, that notwithstanding said highway was thus established by said commissioners, and said $700 paid to the owners of said buildings for the removal of the same, and for said land taken and although said ten years have long since passed, Yet all said buildings, to wit, a portion of the tavern house and adjoining buildings still remain thereon, and have never been removed, nor said road made and completed in the manner prescribed by said commissioners. The subscribers, therefore, now move this Honorable Board, that they will, as soon as may be, cause said buildings to be removed, and said highway to be completed as aforesaid, to their acceptance as the law in such case provides.

Elkanah Barton & others.

This petition was entered at this meeting, of the County Commissioners, and there being an Indictment pending for a nuisance in the road, this Petition was dismissed.

Abel Calkins is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, in his house, at Three Rivers, in Palmer. Calkins.

Elias Turner is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at his house, in the center of the Town of Palmer Turner.

Ephraim Allen is licensed as an Innholder in his house in the Depot Village in Palmer. Allen

John Allen is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the house he now resides in, at the Depot village in Palmer. Allen

John Newton is licensed as a Retailer of Wine, Brandy, Rum, and other spirituous liquor, in a Green Store ½ mile south of the meeting house in Monson Newton.

Daniel N. Green, is licensed as an Innholder or Common Victualler, on the northeast corner of the Common in Brimfield. Green

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Kinney — Elisha Kinney is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, in his dwelling house, in the Town of Holland.

Fuller — Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder, in the town of Wilbraham.

Baldwin — John Baldwin, is licensed as an Innholder, at his house in Wilbraham.

Hodgett — Samuel B. Hodgett is licensed as an Innkeper, at the house now kept by Wm. Holbrook, in Southwick.

Chapman — Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the Delavan House, in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Taylor — Micajah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder, at his house, 4 miles West of the Green in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Norcrop — Amos Norcrop is licensed as an Innholder & Common Victualler, on the center of Monson, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Lindsey — William Lindsey is licensed as a Common Victualler, at the Rail Road House, so called, near Chester Village, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Tallmadge — Marcus M. Tallmadge is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at his house in West Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Colton Jr — Diamond Colton, Jr. is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, near the meeting house in Longmeadow, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Brooks — John F. Brooks is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, in the East Parish of Longmeadow.

Barrows — Eli Barrows is licensed as a Retailer of Brandy, Rum, and other Spirituous liquors and also Wine, at his dwelling house in Brimfield.

Fuller — Mrs. Jerusha Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at her house in Ludlow, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Miller — Jere Miller is licensed as an Innholder at Jerusalem, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Shepard — Dewey Shepard is licensed as a Common Victualler, in the house called the Union House, in Blandford, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Johnson

Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder at the house which he now occupies on north side of Great River, near the Western R. R. Depot in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

King

Russell King is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by said King, near Morley's Bridge, in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Smith

Levi Smith is licensed as a Common Victualler, at his shop on the north side of the River, near W. R. R. Depot in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Hanchett

Samuel Hanchet is licensed as a Common Victualler, in the corner on the east side of Westfield Green in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Loomis

Romeo Loomis is licensed as an Innholder at the house occupied by him in Westfield, called the Loomis's Hotel, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Loomis

Roswell Loomis is licensed as a Common Victualler, at his Stand in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Clemence

Francis Clemence is licensed as a Common Victualler in Ashleys building in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

The following persons are licensed as Innholders and Common Victuallers, at their respective houses in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, viz.

Henry Burns, at the Five mile House.
Jeremy Wagrinee, at the S. Hotel.
William Jennings, at the Willimansett House.
Francis L. King, at the Franklin House, Chicopee Falls.
Austin C. Stowell, at the Clinton House.
Nye Moulton, at the Franklin House, on the Hill.
Marvin Chapin, at the Massasoit House
Ethan L. Chapin at the Cabot House.
Elijah Ashley at the Western Hotel.
Ashley Hayden at the Columbian Hotel.
Rufus Mosher, at the Eagle House
Francis Jennings, at the Rail Road House.
Henry McKenney at the Mechanics Hotel,
Chester R. White, at the Exchange Hotel.
Horatio N. Burnham, at the Warnlin House.
Morgan F. Day at the American House.
Ezekiel Adams, at the Chicopee Falls Hotel.
O. A. Alden, at the Alden House.

Henry Stocking, at the Hampden Coffee House.
Austin Truesdell, at the Hotel, corner of Main & Fort Streets.

Jan. 1845.

In conformity with a Resolve of the General Court passed on the Eleventh day of March, A. D. 1845, granting a Tax of Thirteen thousand five hundred Dollars, for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County, in manner following:

Blandford	531 85
Brimfield	377 12
Chester	343 25
Granville	396 06
Holland	150 88
Longmeadow	436 41
Ludlow	486 59
Monson	826 67
Montgomery	139 57
Palmer	901 51
Russell	177 23
Southwick	396 06
Springfield	4 703 69
Tolland	222 55
Wales	196 14
Westfield	1 233 45
Westspringfield	1 240 99
Wilbraham	520 53
	$13 500 00

and Warrants have been issued, dated the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1845, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several Towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables, to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice, Esq. County Treasurer, or his Successor, or Order, by the last day of August, next ensuing, as the law directs.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

Accounts

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Sundry accounts against the County, being now presented to the County Commissioners, amounting to the sum of Two hundred ninety two dollars and two Cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed, and ordered to be paid from the county Treasury, viz:

To Smith & Taylor, for 300 Probate Blanks, (Millard)		2 00
" Ralph Day, for 33 cords Wood @ J. K. Leach @ $2.25		74 25
" " for 4 " @ Julius Day, 2.50		10 00
" J. K. Butler, 7 quires Linen medium (sketches)	87½	6 12

To Austin Fuller, Coroner, Inquest upon the body of
Silas Moulton, February 15. 1845 3.20
Jurymen — John Ward 1.37
" Lemuel Allen 1.49
" Abner Allen 1.49
" John B. Blanchard 1.61
" Benjamin Davis 1.49
" Elias Turner 1.37
Witnesses — Amasa Davis .74
" Jamaliel Collins .66
" Cyril Carpenter .58
" Philip Lamb .66
" William Avery .58
" Milton Turner .58
Constable — Benjamin Burley 1.58.
John Battelle, for use of Room 2.00.

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the
body of Ethan Button, February 16. 1845 3.16
Jurymen — James H. Crooks 1.73
" John Cooper 1.37
" Reuben Wood 1.37
" Frances Seward 1.37
" William McCrary 1.37
" John B Cooper 1.37
Witnesses — Maria Grosvenor .58
" Justus R. Corey .58
" Henry Colton .58
" Lemuel Button .58.
Constable — Martin King 1.30.

" William H. Billings for medical attendance and
medicine at County House, from April 1st to
July 1st 1845. 2.50
" Sisk & Co, for Stove Pipe, Tin Conductor, putting
up Stoves, Zinc, &c &c. County House 59.90
" O. H. Seamans surveying Worthington Steel
Continued & paying chainmen 3.00
" Theodore Bliss for Boards. County House 7.12
" E. Porter, for printing Rules for House of Correction
for publishing notices of Probate Court meeting, Westfield 1.00
" Taylor & Crane for repairing 2 Stick Vases
2 3.67
" Amasa Parsons fixing Stoves, getting up Wood,
attending C. C. Pleas Court and Probate Court and
taking care of Court House from October
1844 to April 1845 42.98
" Richard Bliss, Clerk for Dockets, Alphabets, Entries,
" Venires, Certifying accounts, &c. &c. 43.72
$292.02

Hampden ss. June 23. 1845. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Ricks Bliss, Clerk.

June 1845.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty fourth day, and from day to day to the twenty seventh day of said month, and by adjournment on the thirteenth day of August, and to the fourteenth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Present. Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman
" Samuel Root Esq. } County Commissioners
" Austin Fuller, Esq. }

R. King & others Petition for Road in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting held on the fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1841, or at any subsequent meeting.

Humbly shew the Subscribers, that the public convenience and necessity, in their opinion, requires the alteration of the existing Highway from Daniel Smiths in West Springfield to Cabotville, in the location of a new highway from some point between the two crossings of the Highway over the Rail Road in Pancakuk Meadow, in West Springfield to some point on the main road from West Springfield to Northampton, between the house of Benjamin Ashley and Ferry lane in said West Springfield. They therefore pray, that the Commissioners would view and locate such alterations in said existing highway, or view and locate such new Highway, and discontinue such parts of the existing highway, as such location may render unnecessary, as will in duty pray.

(Signed) Roswell King & others.

Dec. 28. 1841.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1841. and continued to the meeting held on the fourth tuesday of June, 1845. At which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Roswell King in Westfield, on tuesday the thirteenth day of August next, at eight O'clock, A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the

Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West-
Springfield in said county, thirty days at least before the said 13th
day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested
therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed
in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view.
And it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of
said petition in abstracts, containing the substance thereof,
and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two
public places in the town of Westspringfield, fourteen days
before said 13th day of August, and that notice be given in
manner aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested,
that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises
expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will
be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October,
in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,
And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the fore-
going Order, made his return as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. July 3. 1844. I served the Town Clerk
of W. Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and
order thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted
up in two public places in said town, an abstract, contain-
ing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their
Report in writing, as follows: to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commission-
ers, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the fourth tuesday of June, in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Roswell Ring and others, then presented,
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that
the public convenience and necessity, in their opinion, re-
quires the alteration of the existing Highway from David
Smiths in Westspringfield to Cabbsville, & the location of a
new Highway from some point between the two crosings
of the Highway, over the Rail Road in Paucatuck Meadows
in Westspringfield to some point on the main road from
Westspringfield to Northampton, between the house of Ben-
jamin Ashley and Ferry Lane, in said Westspringfield,
they therefore pray, that the Commissioners view the same,
and make such alterations and locations as will be thought
proper, and discontinue such existing Highways as such al-
terations make necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises

expedient, appointed tuesday the thirteenth day of August, then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Roswell King in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westspringfield, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said county said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that some alterations should be made, and submit their report accordingly.

Willis Phelps, }
Samuel Root } Commissioners of Hampden, Ey.
Austin Fuller, }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, by the Commissioners, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Roswell King in Westfield, on Wednesday the thirteenth day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said thirteenth day of November.

And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Westspringfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Westspringfield, fourteen days at least before the said thirteenth day of November at which time the said

commissioners will proceed to locate and establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alterations of said route.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss. Oct. 10. 1844. I served the town Clerk of West Springfield by giving him an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, and I also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report, in writing, as follows to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,

On the petition of Roswell King and others, them presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience and necessity, in their opinion, require that alterations of the existing highway, from David Smeths in West-Springfield to Cabotville, or the location of a new Highway, from some point between the two crossings of the Highway over the Rail Road in Pascatuck Meadow, they therefore pray that the Commissioners view the same and make such alterations and locations as will be thought proper, and discontinue such existing highways as such alterations make necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed tuesday the thirtenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Roswell King, in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the Town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the

petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of said August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that some alterations should be made, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the thirteenth day of November then next, and ten O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Roswell King in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said alterations And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested or claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirteenth day of November and by adjournment on the seventh day of May A. D. 1845 met and proceeded to lay out and establish said alterations as follows viz.

Beginning at a stake standing on the North side of the old road; thence South 72½° E. 4 rods 15 links, to a stake in Enoch Smith's door yard; thence N. 45¼° E. 4 rods 16 links, the centre of a large Button ball tree, near the house of Enoch Smith; thence N. 32 E 23 rods 23 links to a marked apple tree; thence N. 45° E. 10 rods 16 links, to a marked apple tree, on Westerly side of said old road; thence N 19° E. 8 rods to a stake; thence N 45½ E 14 rods to a stake, standing N 51 W. 1 rod 3 links from the centre of a large black Oak tree, southerly of the dwelling house of Seth Smith. The points and distances above, describe the Westerly side of the above piece of road; which is laid four rods wide

The second alteration commences on the easterly side of the old road, near the brick dwelling house of Delight Phelps at a stake; thence north 34½° E 48 rods to a stake; thence same course (N 34½° E) 50 R, 10 links, to a stake standing by a marked fence post; thence north 52° E. 46 rods 10 links, to a stake on the southerly side of the old road. The line on this second described ~~piece~~ piece of road, is the right hand or Easterly side of said road; the same being laid three rods wide.

The third alteration began at a stake, standing by a marked fence post, the southerly side of the old road; thence east 26 rods 7 links to a stake on the hill on land of Nathan Morgan; thence S. 87¾" E 9 rods to a stake; thence south 65° E 15 rods 17 links to a stake standing by a fence post

on the southerly side of the old road. the line run was the right hand limits, or southerly line of the road; the same is laid 4 rods wide.

The 4th alteration began at a high gate post, opposite the house of Mr Lackett, and on the westerly side of Chicopee Street; thence South 16° East 115 rods 7 links, to a small maple tree, standing on the westerly side of said Chicopee street, and near the house of Benjamin Ashley. The line run was the westerly limits of the road laid, and the same is laid four rods wide.

After making said locations the Commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose heard all persons in matter of damage, who desired to be heard and made their appointments of damage as follows, viz

To Seth Smith, ninety dollars	$90.
" Mrs Delight Phelps One hundred and twenty four dollars	124.
" Talcott Alderman, forty dollars	40.
" Levi Brooks, fifty dollars	50.
" Nathan Morgan, fifty dollars	50.
" Moses Ashley, thirty five dollars	35
" Bagg five dollars	5
" Benjamin Ashley, five dollars	5

In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order, that the Culvert Southerly of Enoch Smith's house, be lengthened 8 feet northerly; that the hill (Between the houses of Enoch and Seth Smith) be graded so it shall not exceed five degrees; the right hand or easterly side of the road, as you rise said hill, there shall be a ditch not less than four feet deep; the old road, commencing 13 rods northeasterly of the house of Seth Smith, shall be thoroughly turnpiked (in the most feasible place for a road) as far northeasterly as the house of Delight Phelps; the hill southerly of the Brick house of Levi Brooks, to graded according to a plan made by Wm H. Butler for Mr. Brooks, which plan is now in the possession of Mr Brooks, and the hill, when graded, is not to exceed the degrees marked on said plan in any part thereof; the hollow, near the burial ground, in Chicopee Street, must be raised above high water mark; the whole of said new road as laid above, to be turnpiked eighteen feet wide; and all to be completed on or before the first day of July A.D. 1846, and to the acceptance of the commissioners.

Leave deed Lib 20 p. 233

Leaves of land are allowed until the first of November next, for the removal of fences and trees; there shall be a sufficient number of good and substantial Culverts built, for the free passage of the water.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the locations laid out and established as and for a Common Highway.—

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S Flower vals
Petition for Road in
W Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.
The undersigned Inhabitants of West Springfield, respectfully represent, That heretofore, to wit, on the 9th of September 1842, they presented their petition to the Selectmen of said town, requesting them to view and lay out a Road from near the house of James A. Palmer, in Feeding Hills Parish in said town, to near the house of Gordon White, on the Plain; but after viewing the route for said road, and further considering the premises, the said Selectmen unreasonably refused to lay out the Road prayed for. Wherefore, your petitioners are aggrieved, and present herewith the petition to the said Selectmen, together with a Report or protest against said road; and request that the same may be placed on file, with this petition; and further, that your Board would lay out said Road, as soon as may be; and also that you would, at the same time, discontinue the Deep Gutter Road, so called: And as in duty bound will ever pray. April 10 1843 (Signed) Spencer Flower & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

At which meeting it was Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of Spencer Flower, in West Springfield, on friday the 26th day of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, Provided no person interested, objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of West-Springfield, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.
By Order of the Commissioners.
Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss April 26th 1843. I served the town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an Extract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff—

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows to wit.

Hampden ss. May 26. 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a true copy, in manner and form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said county hereon by him endorsed, and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice hereto annexed stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post, printed and published weekly in said county, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf made and provided, and as required in said order of notice; met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises, and the route described in said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of said petition, who desired to be heard; were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted; and they so adjudicate in the premises, and submit their Report accordingly.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Hyde }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Spencer Flower, in West Springfield, on friday the eleventh day of August, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road, and discontinueing said last mentioned road, by publishing a copy of said adjudication and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eleventh day of August. And it is further ordered, by the County

Commissions that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of WestSpringfield, with a copy of said adjudication, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an attested copy thereof, in two public places in said town of WestSpringfield, fourteen days at least before the said eleventh day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Road and discontinue said last mentioned road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. July 8th 1843 I served the town Clerk of W^{t}Springfield with an attested copy of the within adjudication and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted copies thereof in two public places in said town.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Horace Palmer in WestSpringfield, on monday the twelfth day of August next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said first mentioned road and discontinuing said last mentioned road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of August. And it is further Ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of the town of WestSpringfield, with a copy of said petition, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of WestSpringfield, fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said first mentioned road, and discontinue said last mentioned road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said Roads.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting of the Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows, to wit:

Hampden ss. July 3. 1844. I served the town clerk of W Springfield with an attested copy of this petition, and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town; an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff

And now, at this meeting, it is Ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

C Simons et als Petition for laying out Sanford Street in Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield, in said county, respectfully represent, that common convenience and necessity require that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield, upon so much as is now commonly denominated Sanford Street, Commencing on the East side of Main Street, opposite to Elm Street; thence running Easterly to the land of George Bliss, Esq. so as to connect the proposed Highway with Dwight Street; thence, Southerly, to State Street. And the undersigned respectfully pray, that after due proceedings had in the premises, such Highway may be laid out between said termini, as public convenience requires.

(Signed) C. Simons & others.

Springfield, June 25. 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. At which meeting, the commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, it was ordered that said Commissioners meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the eighth day of August next, at nine O'clock, A.M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, in said county, thirty days at least, before the said 8th day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff, or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield, fourteen days before said 8th day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and

that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. Rich^d. Bliss Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the Commissioners held on the fourth tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Ss. July C. 1844. I Served the town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up, in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows to wit:

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,

On the petition of C. Simons and others, them presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that common convenience and necessity require, that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield, upon what is now commonly denominated Sanford Street, Commencing on the east side of Main Street, opposite to Elm Street; thence running easterly to land of George Bliss, so as to connect the proposed route with Dwight Street; thence southerly to State street, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed thursday the eighth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,

not having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petitions, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the whole, or a part of the roads prayed for be located and established. Willis Phips one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of Springfield, being the Town wherein said road is situated, did not act with the Board in the proceedings of viewing said road, Abel Calkins, a Special Commissioner of the County being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board, as in such case is provided. All of which is submitted, and accepted.

Austin Miller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root }
Abel Calkins, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read, and considered, was accepted, and the whole is a part of the Road, adjudged as of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the thirteenth day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said roads by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirteenth day of March. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Springfield, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said Town of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 13th day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to Locate said road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. Feby 11th 1845 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office; and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of C. Simons and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that common convenience and necessity require that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield upon what is now commonly denominated Sanford Street, Commencing on the East side of Main Street, opposite of Elm Street; thence running easterly to land of Geo. Bliss; thence southerly to State Street, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the eighth day of August instant, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in said Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such highways is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, in whole or in part; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of March then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said county, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highways, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested, or claims for damages in the same manner as the notice and pub-

further view given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirteenth day of March, and adjourned to the 24th day of June then next, and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition as follows, viz.

Beginning on the northerly side of State street at a stake on the East side of Dwight street, and running on the east line of said Dwight Street, N. 13° W. three hundred and ten feet, nine inches, to a stake in line with the north line of the north side walk in Sanford Street. Said Dwight Street is laid fifty two feet wide.

Also Sanford Street, 100 called, is laid and established as follows, viz. Beginning at a stake at the northwest corner of Dwight street (from the above survey) and bearing N. 78° 15' E five feet ten inches from the corner of the underpinning at the east corner of Wells P. Hodgetts dwelling House, and running S. 46° 30' W. three hundred and sixty seven feet and five inches to the south corner of S. Clark's building at Market Street; the same course twenty eight feet nine inches to Vicen Simons' Store; thence southerly on said store, six feet to the east corner of the underpinning of said store; thence S. 46° 30' W. ninety eight feet eight inches to the South corner of the underpinning of Sashea Frost's store; thence some course, six feet to the east line of Main Street; thence down Main Street 30 feet 8 inches, to the southerly side of Sanford Street; thence northeasterly, in a line parallel with the north side of Sanford street, 6 feet 5 inches to D. C. Brewer's Store, at a point 26 feet northerly of the northwesterly corner of the ground where the old store stood, belonging to the heirs of Justin Sombard, deceased; thence in a parallel line with the north side of Sanford Street (as now laid) 98 feet 2 inches, to Market Street; thence 27½ feet across Market street to a point one foot, northeasterly of the N.W. corner post in the east side Market street, 5½ feet from the West corner and in line with the S.W. side of James Stebbin's building; thence N. 47° 15" E. 73 feet 9 inches, to a point one inch northerly from the east corner of James Stebbins' east building; thence same course 60½ feet to the east side of Justus Searles' land; thence S. 42° 45' E. 5 feet 10 inches; thence N. 49° 15' E. 233 10/12 feet, to Dwight street, at a stake 58½ feet from the place of beginning, being the width of the east end of said Sanford street.

After making said locations, the Commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in matter of damage, who desired to be heard, and make their assessments as follows.

To James Stebbins, Sixty dollars $60.

Willis Phelps, one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the Town of Springfield, in which said road was situated, did not act with the Board in the proceedings, in viewing and laying out said road, and Abel Calkins, one of the Special Commissioners, acted in viewing, and Walter E. Bliss, one of the Special Commissioners, acted in laying out said road, as in such cases is provided.

In the construction of said road, the Commissioners order, that the whole of said road easterly of Market Street, be run-

piked, after leaving six feet each side of the road for a side walk, westerly of Market Street; the road to be worked as the Highway surveyor, having charge of the same shall think proper; there shall also be constructed a good and sufficient drean, for the purpose of conveying the water from said Street into the large Outroad leading to the river. All shall be completed on or before the first day of June, A. D. 1846. and to the acceptance of the Commissioners. James Stebbins is allowed the privilege of letting his steps on said street, remain, until his east building, on said street shall be removed, or enlarged.

Austin Fuller }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Watson E. Boise, Special Commis:

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road laid out and established, as a Common Public Highway.—

Willard Weld et als for the town of Holland. Petition to discontinue a Road in Holland, and for a new road from Union to old Road

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden;

Respectfully represent the subscribers a committee, appointed by the town of Holland, to oppose the location of a road laid by the County Commissioners from Union line in the State of Connecticut, northerly to a Poplar tree, where the same intersects the old road, that the same is not needed for public convenience. We therefore pray your Hones to discontinue the same, and lay a road from Union line, to intersect the old road, nigh the west house of Grovenor May, and make such alterations in the old road from thence to the Poplar tree aforesaid, as your Hon: deem necessary for the public good.

N.B. The above specified road, which we pray for discontinuance, was laid by the County Commissioners for Hampden, at their meting in December, 1842. We pray your Hon: to view the premises, and grant our request, as the same will greatly accommodate the public travel, and save a large bill of expense in the construction of the road.

Holland, September 28th 1846

Willard Weld }
Ezra Allen } committee
Freeland Wallis }

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the first tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six. At which meeting it was ordered, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling House of E. Kinney, in Holland, on tuesday the fifth day of November next, at nine o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered, by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holland, in said county thirty days, at least, before the said fifth day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of

said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, & abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by the said Sheriff or Deputy, on two public places in the town of Holland, fourteen days before the said fifth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. Oct. 5. 1844. I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the first tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty four,

On the petition of Willard Weld and others, then presented, to the Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a Road laid from Union line northerly to Poplar tree, where the same intersects the old road, that the same is not needed; they therefore pray that the same may be discontinued, and a new road laid from Union line to intersect the old Road near the west House of Grover May, and make such alteration in the old road as the Commissioners shall deem necessary, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed tuesday the fifth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of E. Kinney in Holland as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holland, being the town within which such Highways are situated, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper pub-

lished in said county, said posting and the last publication of said notice having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 5th day of November the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, and submit their report accordingly.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioners refused.

Wm. Chapin Petition for a Jury to assess damages on location of North & Spring. R. Road.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at a meeting on 4th Tuesday of December A. D. 1844.

William Chapin, of Springfield in said county, Represents, That the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located their Road over the land of said petitioner, as is particularly described in the petition of said Corporation, dated the 26th day of October A. D. 1844, now on the files of said Commissioners, and that pursuant to said petition, said Commissioners have proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned to him by said location, the Report of which has been this day returned and accepted; And now the said William Chapin, feeling himself aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in their estimate of damages, ask that a jury may be summoned, to assess the damages occasioned by the location aforesaid, according to the provisions of law.

Springfield, Dec. 24. 1844.

William Chapin.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. At which meeting it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a Warrant in the premises be issued to the Sheriff of said county, for the purpose prayed for in said petition. Which Warrant is in the words following to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. To the Sheriff of our county of Hampden, Greeting (L. S.) Whereas at a regular meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, William Chapin of

Springfield, in said county, preferred his petition to the County Commissioners, representing that on the petition of The Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation praying for an apraisement of the damages caused to the said Chapin by the location of their Rail Road over and across the land of the said Chapin, in said Springfield, and such proceedings having been had thereon that the damages were apraised by said County Commissioners, and the return thereof duly made and accepted, at a sitting thereof, on the said fourth tuesday of December A. D. 1846 at Springfield aforesaid, which said Rail Road is laid over the lands of the said William Chapin, as follows to wit: Beginning northerly on land of Hobart, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and Running southerly parallel with the centre line of said rail road, about six hundred eighty eight feet, to land of Norman Chapin, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence westerly to Chicopee street; thence northerly by Chicopee street, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about three hundred eighty two feet, to land of said Hobarts; to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly of land of said Hobarts to the place of beginning, containing one acre and forty eight and a half rods of land — Also, one other piece of land, lying on the Island so called, Bounded and described as follows, beginning southerly on land of Seth Whiting, at a point thirty one feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running north 4° East about four hundred eighteen feet, by land of said Whiting, to a point fifty feet west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about four hundred fifty two feet to land of said Whiting to a point fifty four feet west of said centre line of said Rail Road; thence north 77° 40 East, to the place of beginning, containing sixty three and 9/10 rods of land, and praying that a jury may be ordered to reconsider and award the damages thereon.

And whereas, at said meeting first before mentioned, the petitioner having caused a sufficient recognizance to be given, agreeably to the provisions of law, it was by said Commissioners ordered and directed that the Sheriff of said county summon a Jury of twelve men to hear said petitioner the matters of complaint set forth in the petition for such Jury and to decide all such matters as should legally come before them on such hearing.

You are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby required forthwith to summon a Jury of twelve men for the purposes aforesaid, agreeably to the provisions of law in such case made and provided. And to this end, you are to require, in making the selections of the three towns nearest the premises, not interested in the question to return a number of persons,

not less than two nor more than six, from any one town, unless in case of necessity. And if by reason of challenges or otherwise there shall not be a full Jury of the persons summoned you are to return some suitable persons de Talibus circumstantibus, to serve the deficiency, which said Jury are to be sworn to make a just and true appraisement of the damages sustained by the Complainant and well and truly to try all such other matters as shall be lawfully submitted to them under the said complaint, and to give a true verdict therein according to the law and the evidence given them.

And you the said Sheriff are appointed to preside at said trial, and to decide all questions of law arising therein, which would be proper for the decision of a Judge, And you are to direct the Jury upon any question of law when requested by either party, and to certify the substance of such your decision or direction, to the Court of Common Pleas, at the request of either party. You are to give reasonable notice of the time and place of meeting to the parties concerned, the county not requiring any notice.

The said Jury are to be summoned and give their verdict into their hands within three months next after the twenty sixth day of December last, and the verdict so given is to be returned to the then next Term of the Court of Common Pleas, to be held in and for said County of Hampden, that said Court may adjudicate thereon, agreeably to the provisions of law. And you are to certify to the Court your own travel and attendance and that of each Juror.

Witness Willis Phelps, Esquire, Chairman of the County Commissioners at Springfield this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

Pursuant to this Warrant, I wrote application to the Selectmen of the towns of Longmeadow, Springfield and West Springfield, three towns in said county, requiring them to draw from the Jury Box, the names of twelve good and lawful men for each of said towns, to serve on the Jury herein ordered and the said Selectmen make due return of said applications as follows, to wit, from Longmeadow, Frederick H. Brandram, Lucius C. Burt and Erastus Hunn; from Springfield, Rinaldo Sanderell, Theodore Williams, Henry Collins, Moses Chapin, and John R. Keyes; from Westspringfield, Samuel Smith, Jason Clark, Josiah Johnson and and Hiram Carlton, were returned, as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of said towns, herewith presented. I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors, to be summoned to appear before me, on the thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1845, at 9 o'clock A. M. at the Cabot House, in the Village of Cabotville, Springfield, by giving them at least one days previous notice, in writing, to notified the said parties concerned, to wit, the petitioner within named, and the Respondents, of the time and place of empanneling said Jury. And on the said thirtieth day of May A. D. 1845, I proceeded to empannel said Jurors, except John R Keyes, who was absent, who were duly sworn as above certified by me, and after said Jury had chosen a foreman by ballot, and fully heard the parties,

I caused them to be by themselves, when they agreed upon and sealed up their verdict in the premises, which is herewith returned into Court.

Caleb Pierce, Sheriff.

Hampden ss. May 31. A. D. 1845. Then personally appeared Pliny Cadwell, Roderick H. Bonham, Lucius L. Burt, Hiram Carlton, Moses Chapin, Jason Clark, Henry Collins, Erastus Munn, Josiah Stevens, Samuel Smith, and Theodore Williams, Jurors summoned in the foregoing case, and made oath that they would faithfully, but impartially estimate the damages to the petitioner occasioned by the laying out the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road on lands as mentioned herein, and that they would make a just and true appraisement of all damages, and well and truly try all such other matters as should be lawfully submitted to them touching the premises, and give a true verdict thereon according to the law and the evidence given them.

Before me, Caleb Pierce, Sheriff of said County of Hampden

It is hereby agreed, that the Jury, in this case may consist of eleven Jurors, in consequence of the absence of one Juror.

William Chapin, by Geo. Ashman, Atty.

And said Corporation, By C. P. Huntington

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting of the County Commissioners. And now the said Jury return their Verdict in writing as follows, to wit;

In the matter of the petition of William Chapin, against the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, the Jury find the only right of way existing across the land of said Chapin, covered by the embankment, was for the private use of the individuals owning lands easterly of the line of the Rail Road.

As to the matter of damages the Jury further find, that the said Chapin recover of said Corporation the sum of Two thousand five hundred and forty dollars, for the damages occasioned to him by the location of said Rail Road.

Pliny Cadwell, Foreman.

Which Verdict being returned to the Court Common Pleas, holden for said County of Hampden, on the second Monday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, and having been considered and adjudicated thereon, it was ordered by the Court that said Verdict be set aside; and the same is ordered to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden, for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law.

Which Verdict having been returned to the County Commissioners at this meeting, it is adjudged by the County Commissioners, that a warrant of Jury on the premises be ordered; which warrant was dated the eighth day of July A. D. 1845, at the adjourned meeting. And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

The Votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted, it appears that the whole number of Votes was twenty four

Votes for County Treasurer

hundred and twenty nine, necessary for a choice, twelve hundred and fifteen. William Rice, had twenty four hundred and twenty, and is declared by the County Commissioners, chosen for the Year ensuing; and he appears and is sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, and give bond to the acceptance of the said Commissioners.—

Sundry accounts against the County, amounting to the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Ten Dollars and thirty cents, being now presented to the County Commissioners, are by them allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the Treasury of the county, viz

To Ralph Day, Underkeeper of the Commonwealths Jail for support of prisoners therein from the 1st day of December to the 1st day of May, 1845		22.30
" Master of the House of Correction, for support of prisoners therein, from the first day of December 1844, to the first day of May, 1845		106.92
" Homan Smith, for surveying & Report, 1 day		3.00
" William H. Butler, surveying &c & Sanford Mud		5.25
" A. L. Tarnell, advertising Petitions &c		7.63
" Wm Mud, Brick, mortar & labor		9.47
" D. L. Brown, binding Record books, Alphabets &c Probate and Clerks Offices		27.25
" S. Nichols, Bricks, Coals, &c. &c for County House		33.74
" H. A. Vaille, for medical attendance, &c at County House from July 1st 1844 to July 1, 1845		15.00
" Amasa Parsons for attending Probate Court, Cleaning Court House, Cellar &c		45.00
" R. Bliss, & Entire certifying Accounts, &c &c		17.93
" C. Hide, Sheriff, Serving Orders of Notice, &c &c		30.67
" T. R. & Wolf [illegible] Ryan		26.71
		$1518.30

Ordered, That Warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer, in favor of the persons herein named, in full for damages allowed them in the location of Highways amounting to Four Hundred and thirty seven dollars, viz.

To Prudence Rosebrook, Petition of Moses C. Sepiemard			50.00
" Lyman Shaw	"	Simeon Broadway	105.00
" Rufus Stebbins	"	"	140.00
" Josiah Conant	"	"	10.00
" Ted C. Skinner	"	"	40.00
" Samuel Walbridge	"	"	30.00
" Colton Squires	"	"	15.00
" Hiram King	"	"	5.00
" Edwin Bruber	"	Eli Pease	2.00
" James N. Kendall	"	Simeon Pease	40.00
			$437.00

Ebenezer B. Abby is licensed as an Innholder at the House near the Springfield Bridge, in Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Monson fs. August 11th. 1845. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Richd Bliss, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden fs. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the seventh day, and from day to day to the ninth day, and by adjournment on the sixteenth day of said month and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of November to the fifteenth day of said November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Present, Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman
Samuel Root Esq } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller Esq }

E. Webber et al Petition for alteration of Road in Holland.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden The Subscribers respectfully represent, that a small alteration in the location of the Road recently made by your Board in the South part of Holland, near the house of Ronaldo Wallis, commencing at or near where the present location crosses the division line, between Nehemiah Underwood's land and said Ronaldo Wallis' land; thence running Southerly passing between said Wallis' house and barn and intersect the present location little south of the house of widow Rosebrook, would improve the location by straightening and by being made at less expense, and cause less damage to land owners. They therefore pray, that you would view as soon as your convenience will permit, and make such alterations as you shall see fit. Dated, Holland, November 14. 1843. Eleazer Webber & others.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and continued from meeting to meeting to

the meeting holden on the second tuesday of April, A.D. 1845. At which meeting the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Elisha Kenney in Holland, on tuesday the thirteenth day of may next, at ten O'clock, A. M, and it is ordered by the County commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county, or his deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Holland, in said county, thirty days at least before the said thirteenth day of May, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts, containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by the Sheriff or deputy, in five public places in the town of Holland, fourteen days before the said thirteenth day of May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the county commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss. April 12. 1845. I served the town clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same copies at his dwelling house, and also posted in five public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance petition and order.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the County commissioners made this report in writing, as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the Petition of Eleazer Webber & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a small alteration in the location of the road recently laid in the southerly part of Holland, near the house of Reinalds Walls, commencing at a near where the present location crosses the division line between Nehemiah Underwood's land and said Reinalds Walls' land, the petitioners therefore pray, that the Commissioners may view the premises and make such alterations as they shall see fit, as by said petition, on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed tuesday the thirteenth day of May, then next, at ten O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of E. Kenney in said Holland, as the time and place for viewing the premises.

and cause a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holland being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been more than thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view that on the said tenth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Root
Austin Butler
} County Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the location adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, the eighth day of October next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of acting upon the location of said alteration, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public Newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of October. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the clerk of the town of Holland with a copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Holland, fourteen days at least, before the said 8th day of October, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alteration, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this Meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit,

"Hampden ss. Sept. 6. 1848. I served the town clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice. Sheriff."

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, to wit:

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the county Commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine.

On the Petition of Eleazer Webber & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that a small alteration in the location of the road recently laid in the southerly part of Holland, near the house of Renaldo Wallis, would improve the location by straightening, and might be made at less expense and cause less damage to land owners, they therefore pray, that a view may be had, and such alteration made, as shall be thought proper, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of May then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ed Kenney in said Holland as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holland, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof ~~consideration thereof~~ was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the Tuesday of June, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the eighth day of October, then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said county

as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to make said alteration, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for hearing all persons in the matter of damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by Law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighth day of October, met and proceeded to lay out and establish said alterations in said petition, as follows, viz:

Commencing at a stake and stones, at the south end of said road, in the west line of a previous survey, thence N. 16½ E. 38 rods to a stake and stones, 1 rod and 9 links westerly of the west Pear Tree, standing near the house of Eleazer Webber; thence N. 28½° E 11 rods to the East side of an apple Tree, thence N. 20½° E. 11 rods and 10 links, to the east side of a large apple tree, marked; thence N. 45½° E. 24 rods and 5 links, to a white oak tree marked; thence N. 46½° E. 10 rods and 18 links, to a Chesnut tree, marked; intersecting the west line of a former survey. The above road is laid three rods wide, except the second (of 11 rods) which is laid ten rods wide. The above survey is the west line of said road.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration established as and for a public high way.

I. Yeomans's Petition for a Survey to estimate damages occasioned by the location of the New Haven and Northampton Canal.

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Humbly shews Ira Yeomans Jun of Westfield in said County, that heretofore, to wit, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1842, he preferred to the County Commissioners of the county of Hampshire a petition setting forth that certain water privileges of the said Ira, in said Westfield, on the Westfield River near the Depot, the same being particularly described in the Deed of Horace Noble to him, recorded on the registry of Deeds Lib. 109. fol. 124, had been injuriously affected, for a long time, to wit, for three years, by the construction of the canal of the New Haven and Northampton Company, and requesting that as he had never established any Claim for damages, three disinterested and discreet freeholders might be appointed by them to assess the damages sustained by your petitioner; and that upon and in reference to said petition such proceedings were had that a Warrant was duly issued to Moses Porter, Ithamar Conkley, and Patrick Barr, Esq. to assess the damages sustained by said petitioner agreeably to the form of the several Statutes in such case made and provided: Upon which Warrant the said Porter, Conkey and Barr proceeded, to wit, on 17th day of December last past, to act upon the subject matter of said petition, the said Corporation being present, by Charles G. Phelps, their attorney, and made report of their proceedings to the said Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, at their meeting at Northampton in said County on the first Tuesday of March last. And whereas the said Com. [illegible] ay-

grieved at the doings of said Porter Conkey and Bories, and is dissatisfied with their estimate, he hereby makes application to your Honorable body for a Jury to hear and finally determine upon the amount of damages sustained by your petitioner, according to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided. All which proceedings and petitions are of record in the office of the Clerk of said Commissioners in the county of Hampshire, and are referred to as part of this petition.

(Signed) Ira Clemans. Jun.

By Wm G Bates. attorney.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. At which meeting the following Notice was Ordered by the Commissioners, to wit.

"And now upon the foregoing petition it is Ordered, by the County Commissioners, that notice be given to the said New Haven and Northampton Company, by serving them with an attested copy of this petition, and the order thereon, thirty days at least before the next meeting of said Commissioners to be holden at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June next, that they may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Attest. Reich. Bliss. Clerk.

Hampden ss. May 9. 1845. I have given notice to the New Haven and Northampton Company as above directed, by giving an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, to Henry Morris Esq the attorney of said Company, within my precinct.

C. Rice. Sheriff.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

T. Hyde & al Petition for establishing a Town way in Monson.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned, Inhabitants of Monson, in said county, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new town road, commencing near the house of Timothy H. Brown, in said Monson, and running easterly; and adjoining south of the new Factory, and intersecting the Old Turnpike, so called, south of Jacob Thompsons house, that we heretofore petitioned the Selectmen of said town, who laid said road, but the Town refused to accept the same. We, therefore relying on your Honors for justice in our case, respectfully request you to proceed to establish said road, as the law and your wisdom shall dictate.

Monson June 17. 1845.

(Signed) Tertius Hyde & others.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

At which meeting the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Jonas Norcross in Monson on Tuesday the fifth day of August next, at ten o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Monson in said county, thirty days, at least, before the said fifth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days before said fifth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the county Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 14, 1845. I served the Town Clerk of Monson with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

L. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make this Report in writing as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Tertius Hyde & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new Town road, commencing near the house of F. H. Brown, in said Monson, and running easterly, and passing south of the new Factory, and intersecting the old Turnpike (so called) south of Josiah Thompson's house, as by said petition, on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the fifth day of August then next, and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Jonas Norcross in said Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Monson, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition,

containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, that posting and the last publication of said copy having been fifteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties, at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petetion, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that a Highway should be established, according to the prayer of the petitioners. We therefore do approve of the Highway (as laid on said petition) by the Selectmen of said Monson. We do therefore order the Clerk of said Town to make a Record of the same, as laid by said Selectmen, together with the acceptance of the same.

Justin Fuller, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an Inhabitant of said Monson, did not act with the Board in establishing said Highway. Abel Calkins, being notified, appeared and acted with the Board, as is provided in such case.

Willis Phelps } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }
Abel Calkins Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way laid and established as a public Highway: And the town clerk of said Monson ordered to record the same.

J. P. Collester for Hampden & Berkshire Turnpike Corporation for Petition for removal of Turnpike Gate in Blandford.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden;

Respectfully represents the Directors of the Hampden and Berkshire Turnpike, that the Corporation desire the removal of their Turnpike Gate in Blandford, which has heretofore been located at a place owned by Barzilla Wateman, and that public convenience requires that said Gate be removed about seventy rods east, on said Turnpike to the house of James L Hamilton in said Blandford. They therefore pray, that your Hon. Board will give notice of this application; view the premises, if necessary, or appoint a Committee to make such view, and make order that said Gate, may be removed, and as in duty bound will pray.

Blandford June 14 1845 John P Collester
for the Directors.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

At which meeting, upon the foregoing petition, the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, give notice, that they have appointed Watson E. Boise, Justin Wilson and Thomas L. Chaffee, a committee, who will meet, for the purpose of said view, at the house of Thomas L. Chaffee, in said Blandford, on Monday the twenty first day of July next. And it is ordered, that the persons and corporations interested in said petition be notified by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, forty days at least, before the next regular meeting of said Commissioners to be held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October next, that they may appear at said meeting on said first Tuesday of October and then and there be heard on the subject matter of said petition.

Richd Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of The Directors of the Hampden and Berkshire Turnpike Corporation, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that said Corporation desire the removal of their Turnpike Gate, in Blandford, which has heretofore been located at a place owned by Barzilla Fitzsimmons, and that public convenience requires that said Gate be removed about Seventy rods East on said Turnpike, to the house of James S. Hamilton in said Blandford, as by said petition, on file, will appear. The Commissioners appointed Watson E. Boise, Justin Wilson and T. L. Chaffee a Committee to view the premises and to make a Report at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, said Committee having reported in favor of said Petitioners, as per Report annexed, will appear, The Commissioners do order that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Gate be removed as prayed for in said petition.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller

At which meeting the committee aforesaid, made their report in writing, as follows, to wit.

To the Honorable Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The committee appointed by your Hon Board to take into consideration the expediency of removing the Turnpike Gate in Blandford, about seventy rods east of its present location as prayed for by John H. Collester in behalf of the Corporation, have attended to that duty, and respectfully present the annexed report.

Agreeably to previous notice, your committee met on the 21st day of July, and after a careful view of the premises, came to the conclusion that the public would not be encommoded by the proposed change of location. We would therefore recommend

that the prayer of the petitioner be favorably considered and granted by your Honorable Board

Watson E. Boise
Thomas L. Chaffee
Justin Wilson
} Committee.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the location of the Gate established as prayed for.

North Amptn & Springfield R R. Corpn. Petition for relief of Dam. or Land of Heirs of John McKinstry.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of the heirs of the late Revd John McKinstry, deceased, of Springfield in the county of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said county of Hampden, and that part thereof to be taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz, Beginning northerly on land late otis Skeild, at a point two and a half rods Easterly of the centre line of location of said rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre, to land of late Austin Chapin, at a point two and a half rods East of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Westerly by land of said Chapin, to a point two and a half rods Westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly, parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land late otis Skeild, at a point two and a half rods Westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Easterly by land of said otis Skeild to the place of beginning, containing about one hundred twenty one rods of land. Also one other piece of land, upon which said Corporation have located their Rail Road, situated in Springfield aforesaid, bounded as follows. Beginning northerly on a road leading from Chicopee street, at a point twenty four feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly one hundred and eighty seven feet, to a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to land of Sibi Stedman, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Westerly by land of said Stedmans, to a point two and a half rods Westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to the above road leading from Chicopee street, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly by said road to the place of beginning containing one acre and one third of an acre of land. The said Corporation are to make and maintain a good fence on the East and west side of said lots, and a coping, if necessary on each lot, that your petitioners

have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the county Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the damages if any sustained by the said Heirs thereby according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 11th day of June, 1845.

Moses Bliss

acting as agent for said Corporation.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. June 12th 1845.

The within Petition, being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said county. It is ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Cabot House in Cabotville, on Saturday the 28th day of June inst. at 8 o'clock A. M. there and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that seasonable notice be given to the said Heirs, by serving them or their agent with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Eastus Hopkins as principal, and John Child as surety, recognize to the county of Hampden, in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows to wit,

Hampden ss. June 28th 1845. The County Commissioners of said county, having given seasonable notice to Orange Chapin, agent of the Heirs of the late John McKinstry, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract, hereunto annexed, met at the Cabot House this day, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Heirs, described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and after viewing the same, we do appraise the damage which the said Heirs will suffer, by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Three Hundred Twenty nine 00/100 Dollars. All which is submitted

Willis Phelps 2
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

J. Stebbins Petition for a Jury to assess damages Sanford Street & appt. damages.

Hampden ss. To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden, at a meeting on the thirteenth day of August A. D. 1845.

James Stebbins, of Springfield, in said county Esq. represents that the said county Commissioners, on the petition of Ed Simons and others, have located a road from Main Street, to State Street, upon and over the lands of the said James and others, as is particularly described in their report, now on the files of the said commissioners, and that on said petition, the said Commissioners have

proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned to said James, by said location, the report upon which has been returned and accepted. And now the said James Stebbins, feeling himself aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners, in the laying and establishing said road upon and over the said James, and in the estimate of the damages to said James, he prays that a jury may be summoned to alter and discontinue so much of said road as is laid and established upon and over the land of the said James, and to assess the damages occasioned by the laying and establishing of said road, upon and over the land of the said James, according to the provisions of Law.

James Stebbins.

August 13th. 1845.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June. A. D. 1845. and continued to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed; without costs.

W. Howe, Petition for a Jury to ass. damages on Worthington Street.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of William Howe of Springfield, in said county, respectfully represents, That he is aggrieved by the doings of the Commissioners in the location of a road, and the estimation of the damages for lands taken for said road in the extension of Worthington Street, to Armory Street in said Springfield, over land of your petitioner, and others, which road was laid, established and accepted at the last April meeting of your Board, on the petition of W. W. Buckland and others. That the damages assessed and allowed for his land so taken, are inadequate, and the course of the Road altogether wrong. Wherefore he is aggrieved, and requests a Warrant to issue in due form for a Jury, unless a Committee can be agreed upon, according to the provisions of Law in that behalf, for a new estimation of his damages, and the alteration of said road between the termini named in the original petition of said Buckland.

William Howe,

By his attorney Francis Cummings

Springfield, Sept. 1. 1845.

This petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners. And now it is considered and ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

J. Bagg, als. Petition for a Jury to ass. Damages &c.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned, that they are aggrieved at the estimate of damages, made by the Commissioners, sustained by your petitioners in consequence of the location of a certain road or alterations of a road in West Springfield on the petition of Roswell King and others, across the land of your petitioners. Wherefore they pray for a Jury or a committee to estimate said damages. Nov. 11. 1845

Justin Bagg.
Moses Ashley.
William Ashley.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners And now, by agreement of the parties, the Commissioners assess damages to William Ashley, in the sum of Fifteen Dollars. And to Reuben Day, they assess the sum of Fifteen Dollars as additional damages. And to Moses Ashley they assess the sum of Fifteen Dollars. The claim for a jury as a Committee, being waived.

Reference to Spelman of Wilbraham, is appointed Master of the House of Correction, in said County of Hampden, in the place of Ralph Day, to take effect on the 12th day of November 1845. — Master of House of Cor Hampden.

John B. Markham is appointed one of the Overseers of the House of Correction, in place of Elijah Blake, removed — Overseers H. of Cor.

Hampden ss. Nov 11th 1845

Decree House of Correction.

Whereas our immediate predecessors in Office, under the authority given County Commissioners by the Legislature, commenced and partly finished a House of Correction for this County, on the side of the former Jail; and whereas as our said immediate predecessors, as one of their Official acts, set a part and appropriated said building long before it was completed, to be used as a Jail and House of Correction, as by a record thereof by them caused to be made it appears; and whereas all subsequent experience has demonstrated the great inconvenience of this use in common of the House of Correction as a Jail and House of Correction, leading to collision of authority between the Board and the Sheriff of the County: Be it therefore, and it is hereby Ordered and Decreed, by us, the Commissioners for the County of Hampden, that a portion of said House of Correction, to wit, the upper part or attic, together with the rooms with grated Windows in the County House, to be used as a jail for said County and that all of the remaining portion of said building (which has been formerly used as a prison) to be set apart and appropriated and used solely and exclusively as a House of Correction. It is further Ordered and Decreed by us, the said Commissioners that all records inconsistent with the above, are hereby rescinded, and of no effect.

Miles Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

John F. Annable is licensed as an Innholder in the three story building, corner of Water and Rail Road Streets, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors. — Annable

Sundry accounts against the County, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred and seventy two Dollars and thirty five cents, being now presented to the County Commissioners, are by them allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the county Treasurer. viz.

To Caleb Rice, Sheriff, Seventy orders of notice; on petitions, &c. $28.54

To Jehiel Abbott, Coroner, Inquest upon the body of Thaddeus Phelon, September 9th 1845.

Jurors	Charles K. Bingham	3.00
"	Enoch Doane	1.61
"	Williams Fowler	1.61
"	Eli L. Moore	1.61
"	Levi H. Humphrey	1.61
"	Cumi Shurtliff	1.61
Witnesses	L B Hodgett	1.61
"	Jos H. Rockwell	.74
"	E. J. Granger	.74
"	Moses White	.74
"	Joseph White	.58
"	Meial Rising	.58
"	Henry Phelon	.74
Constable,	John Smith,	.74
		5.12

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner Inquest upon the body of Agenia Maria Burt, October 16th 1845

Jurors,	James H. Crocker, Foreman	3.32
"	Chester B. Chappell	2.21
"	Calvin Shattuck	2.21
"	Micah Clough	2.21
"	Ashel Clough	1.37
"	Roswell Foss	1.37
"	Roswell Foss	1.37
Witnesses	John R. Wilbur	.90
"	William R. Billings	1.14
"	Reuben Burt	.50
"	Reuben Burt, Jun	.50
"	Bathsheba Burt	.50
"	Nancy M Waterman	.58
"	Mariah Johnson	.58
"	Servent Clough	.58
Constables	G H Harrison	2.74
To William H. Billings M.D. Examining the Body before the Inquest		6.00
"	John H Webber M. D. for same	6.00

To Jehiel Abbott Coroner Inquest upon the body of Philip Hardy July 28th 1845.

Jurors	H. J Leonard	2.50
"	William Blair	2.50
"	Samuel Rose	2.50
"	William Hooker Jun	2.50
"	Joseph M. Ely	2.50
"	Hiram Harrison	2.50
Witnesses	James Holland	.50
"	John Avery	.50
"	L. M. Morgan	.50
"	Orpha Simpson	.50

To Peter C. Hotchkiss	.50
" George Arnold	.50
" Solomon M. Richardson	.50
" Eli S. Gibson	.50
" John D. Neal	.50
" Silas Campbell	.50
" Sarah Rainy	.50
" John Stanwood	.50
" George M. Sias	.50
Constable, " David Brown	2.76
To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, inquest upon the body of William White, August 5. 1845.	3.04
Jurors — Nathan Foster	1.33
" William Ball 2d	1.33
" Edwin Foster	1.66
" George A Crossett	1.33
" William Newell	1.33
" Lyman A Leach	1.33
Witness — William H. Bliss	.58
" Charles Childs	.58
" G. C. Segar	.58
Constable — John L. Skinner	1.36
To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, inquest upon the body of Allen, July 7. 1845.	3.32
Jurors — Orange Chapin	1.33
" Derman Chapin	1.33
" Moses Chapin	1.33
" Sylvester Churchill	1.49
" Madison Crandall	1.49
" Sylvanus Pendleton	1.33
Witness — William Jennings	.58
" Samuel M. Chapin	.58
" Otis Steele	.58
" Russell Gilmore	.66
Constable — John L. Skinner	1.70
To Derman Chapin for notifying the Jurors	1.00
To John B. Fairbanks Coroner, inquest upon the body of a person unknown, August 28. 1845.	4.12
Jurors — Solomon Chapman	1.73
" Harvey Chapin	1.73
" John L. Smith	1.73
" Chester Smith	1.73
" Alexander Grovett	1.73
" Chester Crafts	1.73
Witnesses — Mercelia Tuttle	.58
" Josiah Place	.58
" Elisha L. Stubbs	.58

Sheriff— J. W. Gorham 1.50

To Harvey Chapin, coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Albert Rodd, July 24th 1845

Jurors—	G. W. Harrison	2.20
"	Chester B. Chappell	1.85
"	Orrin Keyes	1.85
"	Elias P. Keyes	1.80
"	Henry Lunn	1.80
"	Otis Parker	1.37
Witnesses—	E. Bly	1.50
"	Harvey Butler	.66
"	Cornelius Billings	.58
"	Wm C. Sanderlin	.66
"	Daniel Ufford	.58
Constable,	John L. Skinner	.74
		1.80

Journal Prod. for notifying the Coroner 1.00

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Examining the body of Thomas M'Cormick, without a jury. Augt 2d 1845 3.16

To Jehiel Abbott, Coroner, Viewing and making a post mortem examination of the body of Bethel Warner of Southwick, (suspected of having been poisoned) in May last 3.00

To Phelps Arnold, Feather Bed, bedsteads bedding	12.00
" F. W. Moseley, casting Lumber	4.67
" S. A. Crocker, Upholstering Cricket	1.25
" Dan'l Gay, Blankets &c	4.41
" Henry Brewer, Lumber, Nails &c. for Court House	14.48
" B. F. Brown, binding Books of Index	14.00
" J. Haight, forty Cushions, Carpets &c Court House	18.00
" J. W. Butler, Paper & Ruling same	11.25
" S. Webster, Wash Lead	2.00
" Simeon Stevens, attending Probate Court, cleaning Court House, and for the care of the Court House from the first day of April 1845. to the first day of October 1845.	2.25
" Richard Bliss, Clerk, for his Contingencies, Order of notice, Warrants, Venires &c and Recording Commissioners Records &c	6.36
" C. B. Morris, watch privilege for the Jail to Sept. 1845	6.00
	$372.35

Ordered that Warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of sundry persons in full for damages allowed them in the location &c of Highways amounting to the sum of Four hundred and ninety six Dollars.

Hampden ss. Nov. 15, 1845. The matters not acted upon, recorded to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest. Richd Bliss, Clerk.

Dec 1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners began and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty third day, and from day to day to the twenty fifth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, and by adjournment to the twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Present Willis Phelps Esq Chairman
Samuel Root Esq } County Commissioners
Austin Miller Esq

To the Hon County Commissioners of Hampden County.
The subscribers respectfully represent that the road leading from Bonds Village, to the Rail Road Depot, near Sedgwick's Tavern in Palmer, is very crooked and in a bad condition, and that the public convenience requires that it should be straitened and altered. They would, therefore, respectfully petition Your Board to view said road and to make such alterations as in Your judgment the public convenience requires. They further represent that a new road is very much called for, for the public convenience leading from Bonds Village, and running to a point on the line of Hampshire County to meet a road petitioned in by the citizens of Prescott, Enfield and Belchertown, in the county of Hampshire. They would therefore petition your Board to examine said proposed route, and act upon it as in your judgment the public interest and convenience require. And they further Represent, that a road from Bonds Village to Ramdike village is very much needed, for the public convenience. They therefore petition your board to examine said proposed road, and act upon it as in your judgment the public good requires. And as in duty bound shall ever pray.

(Signed) Emilies Bond & others.

March 26th 1846.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1846. At which meeting it was Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Emilies Bond in Palmer on Wednesday the 12th day of June next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petitions and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place, of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. And ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon,

E Bond & others petition for a Road in Palmer. No 1.

three weeks successively, in the Hampden Past a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

James H. Crocker, Chairman.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. May 2d 1839. I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and I also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, to wit

Hampden ss. June 12. 1839. The county Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition according to the provisions of law in that behalf, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having given notice by publishing in a Newspaper, printed in said County a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, as is particularly set forth and required by said order, John Gould one of the Special Commissioners on summons attended and acted on said petition, in the place of John Ward, one of the County Commissioners, who is disabled by being an inhabitant of said Palmer; And a Board thus constituted, met at the time and place, mentioned in said order, and proceeded to view the several roads and routes for roads described in said petition; And having viewed the same, and heard all parties and Corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard in the premises, We were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations, improvements and repairs should be made in the road leading from said Sedgwicks to said Bonds Village, and so adjudge in the premises. All which is submitted.

James H. Crocker, }
Gideon Stiles. } County Commissioners
John Gould, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered was accepted, and

the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the fourth tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five, at which meeting it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested thereon, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Cornelius Bond in Palmer, on the twenty fourth day of Sektember next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and new road, or some part thereof, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Post, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fourth day of Sektember. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Palmer with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Palmer, fourteen days at least before the said twenty fourth day of Sektember, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate and establish said alterations and said road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested thereon, who may then and there desire to be heard, and after such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Willis Phelps, Chairman—

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows, to wit,

Hampden ss Aug. 23. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested Copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

C. Rice Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows to wit.

Hampden ss At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county on the second tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty nine. On the petition of Cornelius Bond and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the road leading from Bonds Vill to Palmer Depot, is very crooked and in bad condition and that public convenience requires it to be straitened; also, that a new road is wanted, from Bonds Vill to Hampshire line, as by

said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twelfth day of June, then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Emelius Bond, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time aforesaid for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 12th day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then current, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Day the 24th day of September, A. D. 1845 and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Emelius Bond in said Palmer, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway and alterations, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons in matter of damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof, on the said 24th day of September, met and proceeded to lay out and establish said Highway and alterations

Beginning at the Ware and Palmer Town line, on the east side of Swift River, at the southern terminus of a road laid out by the Hampshire County Commissioners, and running on the southerly side of said Road, S. 24° 15' W. 20 rods and 22 links; S. 49° W. eight rods and 6 links; thence S. 70° W. 8 rods and 14 links; thence S. 87° W. twenty rods; thence S. 82° 30' W. 11 rods 13 links; thence N. 89° 15 W. eighteen rods; thence N. 67° W. 8 rods and 8 links; thence N. 89° 30' W. 11 rods; S. 77° 30' W. 17 rods and 14 links; thence S. 71° 15' W. 18 rods and 20 links; thence S. 58° 10' 25 rods and 12 links. The road thus far to be three rods wide. Thence same course, eighteen rods, to a stone monument bearing S. 66° 20' W. 2 rods 4½ links from the west corner of the dwelling house, first erected on the Boston Duck Co. land. This last distance

widens on the westerly side to four rods, at the Stone monument. Thence from said monument S. 16½ W. 130 rods to a stake in the ground, 29 links Southwesterly from E. Bond Store the minutes and distance of the last course describe the East line of the road, which last distance of 80 rods is laid four rods wide. The first alteration of the old road leading from E. Bonds Store to the Depot, begins near the N.W. corner of the old Store cellar, at a stake; thence S. 54° W. 2¼ rods; thence S 24½ W 30 rods to a stake and stones, about 11 feet west of the N.W. corner of Peter Southwick's house; thence S. 37° W. 34 rods to a stake and stones, near the Pond; thence S. 22½ W. 10 rods to a small maple tree; thence S. 10¾° E. 7 rods and 20 links to a White Brook on E. Borden's land; thence S. 31° E 6 rods to a stake and stones; so far on the East line of the road; now reoping to the west line; running as follows, S. 24½° E 33¼ rods to E Bonds land; thence S 20½° E 10½ rods to a white oak tree; thence S 3½° E. 22 rods to a small apple tree, near Zadock Cooley's land; thence S 7½° W. 43 rods to a white pine tree; thence S. 41¼° W 22 rods, to Durkee's land; thence same point 4 rods to Fuller's land; thence, on the same point 49 rods, to the road leading to Rhondike Village; thence on the same point 4 rods to an apple tree; thence on same point 3 rods to a stake and stones on the west side of the road leading by Zadock Cooley's. Said is laid three rods wide. The 2d alteration on said road commences at an Apple tree north of Pliny Cooley's barn; thence N. 8¼° E. 25 rods to the old road; thence N 1½° E 12 rods on said road; thence N. 15° E 32 rods, meeting that point of the old road laid 4 rods wide. The 3d alteration begins at a stake and stones on the west line of the old road leading from Marble Ferrells to the Depot; thence S 14° W 24 rods on said Ferrells land; thence S. on same point 18 rods to a small pine tree on Jan^{a} M^{c}Elwane's land; thence S 13¾° W. 12 rods to a stake and stones; thence S. 3° E. 36 rods to the center of the travelled path of the road leading from the Three Rivers to the Depot. The above minutes describe the west line of the road, which is laid three rods wide.

After making said Locations, the Commissioners made their appraisement of damages as followed viz.

To Ezekiel Borden, thirty dollars	$30
" Seth Pomroy, fifteen dollars	15
" Zadock Cooley forty dollars	40
" Noah Fuller forty dollars	40
" Pliny Cooley, twenty dollars	20
" Jonathan M^{c}Elwane, forty dollars	40
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On the construction and making of said roads the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that all necessary Culverts and bridges be made; Culverts to be of Stone or brick; the road near the old Store cellar to be graded, so that the travelled path from the old cellar to the first bridge, shall not be more than

one rod from the east line of said road. The road from said cellar to said bridge to be even graded from 4 feet below the starting point to the bridge; the road also to be even graded from the old road to the table of land in E. Bordens lot, and to be made as near the Pond as practicable; from the Thorndike road near A Fuller's to Pliny Cooley's barn, the points of the roads must be taken off so that the travelled path shall be as straight as it can be made in the road, in the present lay of the road and the travelled path to be as level a grade as the present travelled path; the last alteration southerly of Marble Finells must be even graded so that no elevation shall exceed two degrees. All to be made and completed, previous to the first day of September A D. 1846.

Owners of lands are allowed until June 1st 1846. for removing wood and trees from said Highway. All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the road and alterations laid and established as and for a Public Highway.—

T Wainer & al Petition for alterations of Highway from Southwick St. to the Hillside Road. No 12.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers citizens of Southwick in said county respectfully represent, that public convenience acquires that the road leading from Southwick Street to the Hill Side road, should be altered and amended, on account of its being very hilly. Your petitioners, therefore, pray you to view said road, commencing where the road now does, near William Weatherby's Hotel; thence westerly on said road to the foot of City Hill so called; thence south of the present road, to where the present road intersects the Hill side road, and, if in your judgment public convenience requires so alter and amend.

Theron Warner & others.

Southwick, 11th Nov 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five. At which meeting the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Samuel B Hodgett, in Southwick, on Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May next, at one o'clock, P. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick in said county thirty days at least, before the said 28th day of May; and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public Newspaper printed

in said county three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Southwick, fourteen days before said 28th day of May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Attest Elisha Clark Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissions holden on the fourth tuesday of June last. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. April 15. 1845. I served the town Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in five public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition and order.

C. Rice, Sheriff—

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Theron Warner and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires that the road leading from Southwick Street to the Hill side road should be altered on account of its being very hilly. The petitioners therefore pray that the Commissioners view said road and make such alterations as they shall think public convenience requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May then next, and one o'clock in the afternoon at the house of Samuel B. Hodget in Southwick, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick, being the town within which said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publications of

said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing Notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view

And on the said 28th day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petitioners and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that some improvement or alteration be made in said Highway.

Willis Phelps.
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller }

Which report being read and considered, was accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience.

At which meeting it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of L. B. Hodgett in Southwick on Thursday the twenty first day of August next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and improvements, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said twenty first day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of the Town of Southwick with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Southwick, fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate and establish said alterations and improvements and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard and assess damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alterations of said road.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. July 11. 1845 I served the Town Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice Sheriff

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners

of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Thom Wance and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the road leading from Southwick Street, to the Hill Side road should be altered and amended, on account of its being very hilly, as by said petition on file, will appear. The Commissioners, therefore a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May then next, and one o'clock PM the afternoon, at the house of Samuel B. Hodgett, in Southwick, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick, being the town within which such alteration is proyed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said Town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said 28th day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next. At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the Prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that some improvements or alterations be made in said Highway; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty first day of August then next and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of S. B. Hodgett in said Southwick, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said alteration. And the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication, and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons interested in the matter of damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by said in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of August

met and proceeded to lay out and establish said alteration.

Commencing at a stake and stones near the east bar post entering Col Fords mowing; thence South 71½° west, 33¾ rods; thence N. 83½° W 25½ rods; thence N. 77° W. 14½ rods; thence N. 72° W. 15 rods to the old road.

After making said location, the Commissioners agreeable to notice given for that purpose, heard all persons in damage, who desired to be heard, and made their apprisment of damages as follows:

To Quintus Black, forty dollars $40
" L. M. Forward, twenty dollars 20
" Thaddeus Dool, ninety dollars 90

On the construction and making of said road, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that the hills shall be even graded, so that the elevation shall not exceed five degrees; and that all necessary culverts shall be made, for the free passage of the water. Said culverts to be constructed of stone or brick. Said road to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, previous to the first day of September, A. D. 1846. The owners of lands are allowed until the first of July A. D. 1846, for remove fences and timber from said Highway.

Willis Phelps. }
Samuel Root. } County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the alteration laid and established as a Highway.

E. W. Bliss et al. Petition for alterations in Bliss Street, in Springfield. No 19

To the County Commissioners, for the county of Hampden.

The Subscribers respectfully represent, that Bliss Street, in Springfield, from the River to Main Street is becoming an important Street, and needs to widened at and near Main Street. They therefore pray, that after due proceedings, your Board will lay out the same as a County road, and widen the same, and make such other alterations therein as shall seem to you to be proper.

Elijah W. Bliss, + others

April 22, 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the sixth day of May A. D. 1845 by adjournment from the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, 1845. At which meeting the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet, for the purpose of said view at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the twenty fifth day of June next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be given by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, unto the Clerk of the Town of Springfield in said county, thirty days at least

after the said 25th day of June, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the Town of Springfield fourteen days before said 23rd day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Richd Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. May 20. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five and by adjournment on the sixth day of May.

On the petition of Elijah W. Bliss and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that Bliss Street in Springfield needs to be widened at and near Main Street; they therefore pray, that after due proceedings, the same may be laid out as a County road, as by said petition on file will appear; The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of June, then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House in said County, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Springfield, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said

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town and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper published in said county said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 23rd day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, and no person making any objection, said Commissioners proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway, as follows, to wit.

Beginning at the northerly corner of Dwight and Ones new building, at the underpinning and run S. 46° 25' W. 26 rods and 26 links to the center of the stone post at the easterly side of Willis Phelps' door yard; thence S. 47° 35' W. four rods 24½ links, to the center of the stone post on the westerly side of said Phelps' door yard, thence S. 48° 20' W. 25 rods and twelve links, to Water Street, at a point bearing N 86° 40' W. 22¾ links from the westerly corner of the Brick work of Joel Kendall's dwelling house, Northerly side, Begins at the Easterly corner of Roderick Bents building at the underpinning, and run S. 46° 15' W. 26 rods and 10 links, to a post, bearing N. 81° E. one rod, one and two thirds links from the corner of the brick building belonging to the heirs of Philip Wilcox, deceased; thence S. 48° 20' W. thirty rods and 23 links to Water Street, at a point three rods from the southerly line of said Bliss Street. And after making said location, the Commissioners made their apprisment of damages as follows

To Dwight & Ones, one hundred Dollars $100

Willis Phelps one of the County Commissioners for said County being interested, did not act with the Board in viewing and locating said Highway. Abel Watkins, one of the Special Commissioners being notified, acted with the board as in such case is provided

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root }
Abel Watkins, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the way laid out and established as and for a Common Highway

J. Hooker Trustee
Petition for assessment of damages on location of H & Spfd R.R.
No 23

To the Honble Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The subscriber, Trustee of the Heirs of John Hooker, late of Springfield, deceased, respectfully represents, that the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located their road across a lot of land belonging to the subscriber as trustee aforesaid, situate on the West side of Water Street in said Springfield, near to and directly South of the lot belonging to John Curtis 1st, on which stand three Houses; also across an Avenue or private way, formerly established by said Hooker and said John Curtis and others, running westerly between their respective lots aforesaid; also a strip of land West of Water Street, lying east of the lots aforesaid, which was given by the Heirs aforesaid for the purpose of a Common road, the fee thereof being still in said trustee, for said Heirs, subject only to said public easement of a Common road; also on the East side of Water Street, across an Avenue or private way and land belonging to the subscriber as trustee aforesaid, the same being on the corner opposite J. Curtis 1st's store, and extending sixty eight feet on Water Street, and one hundred and ten feet on a new street called Carl Road or Hooker Street. Also across said new street and through the whole length of the same to Main Street; said new street being private property, having been established by said Heirs and the H. & R. Road Corporation, by a deed of Indenture made between the parties, for their own mutual interest and accommodation.

And your petitioner represents, that by the aforesaid location a considerable quantity of very valuable land, belonging to him as trustee aforesaid, is taken by said Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation for the above purpose, and the aforesaid Street and ways are greatly obstructed by the Rail Road tracks of said Corporation, and by the passing and repassing of Cars and Engines thereon, and much damage done to the adjoining land belonging to the said Trustee of the Heirs aforesaid. He therefore prays, that after due proceedings had herein, your Honble Board will view the premises, and upon a hearing, estimate and award the damages therein to the trustee aforesaid for said Heirs.

Josiah Hooker Trustee.

Springfield, April 24th 1845.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners, on vacation, who thereupon made the following Order, to wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. April 25th 1845. The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Court House in said County, on the 8th day of May next, at 10 o'clock A.A. there and then to act on said petition. And it is also ordered,

that reasonable notice be given to the said Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving them with copy of said petition and this order thereon, seven days at least previous to the time of said meeting; and Josiah Hooker as principal and John Hooker as surety, appeared and recognized to the county of Hampden, in the sum of One hundred dollars each, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, to wit

Hampden ss. April 30. 1845 I served the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to Linus Stone the agent of said Corporation, who transacts their business.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. The respective parties met and entered into the following agreement, to wit

It is hereby agreed by and between the Hartford and Springfield R. R. Co of the one part, and Josiah Hooker, Trustee of the heirs of John Hooker deceased, that in the case now pending between the parties aforesaid before the County Commissioners, on a Complaint for damages, the small triangular piece of ground belonging to said trustee, situated on the west side of Water Street, and not included in the location of said Rail Road Co, but lying between the same, and land of the Northampton Rail Road Co called the Hastings lot, and bounded east by Water Street, is to be taken into consideration in the estimate of damages in said case, and damages awarded therefor: And whenever the question of damages is finally settled, and on payment of the same, by said Hartford and Springfield R. R. Co. said trustee is to convey to the last named R. R. Co. the same right and title to said triangular piece, as they would have had by Statute, if the same were included in said location; and this agreement is to be put on file in said case, as a part of the same.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our hands. Nov. 5th 1845

The Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation

By Chester W. Chapin, Agent.

Josiah Hooker, Trustee.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss Nov. 5th 1845. The Commissioners of said county having given reasonable notice to the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County, on the above petition of Josiah Hooker, Trustee

and the said Hooker and the Ward Rail Road Corporation by R. A. Chapman their attorney, this day at the Court House in said County by adjournment from the 8th day of May A.D. 1845 and proceeded to view the premises of the petitioners described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said petitioners, and the said Rail Road Corporation by their attorney fully in the premises; We have determined the damages which the said petitioners will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon their said lands at the sum of seven thousand five hundred Dollars.

The Commissioners do further order, that said Rail Road Corporation construct and forever maintain a good and sufficient crossing over the premises in the occupation of John Curtis and Co. Star (being the premises laid out by said petitioners) said crossing to be made and completed previous to the first day of September next.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Rood } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

J. B. Merrick et al Petition for alteration of Highway from Thorndike Vil. in Palmer, to the Upper Mills. No 28.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden.

Your petitioners respectfully represent, that the public good and convenience require an alteration in the lay of the County road leading from the Thorndike Village in Palmer to the upper Mills of the Thorndike Company. Your petitioners pray, that the Commissioners would view said road and make such alterations as the public Convenience, in their opinion, may require.

Jacob B. Merrick, Agent for Thorndike Company, & others.

Palmer, August 11th 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the thirteenth day of August last by adjournment by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of June last. At which meeting, the county Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet, for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of E. Paul in Palmer on the 23 day of September next at 10 o'clock A. M., and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Palmer, in said county, thirty days at least before the said 23 day of September, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public Newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be ~~at least~~ fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition,

or abstracts, containing the substance thereof, and this order, to be posted up by said Sheriff, or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Palmer, fourteen days before said 23 day of September, that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the county Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place.

Willis Phelps, Chairman

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss Aug. 23 1845. I served the town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by giving the same to him, and posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

E Rice. Sheriff

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss At a meeting of the county Commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield in said county, on the fourth tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five, and by adjournment on the 13th day of August, then next,

On the petition of Jacob B. Merrick, agent and others thereto presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the public good and convenience require an alteration in the lay of the county road leading from the Thorndike Village in Palmer, to the Upper Mills of the Thorndike Company, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty third day of September then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of E. Paul in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post a newspaper published in said county, said posting, and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 23d day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. And after adjudicating as aforesaid (there being no objections) said Commissioners proceeded to lay out and establish said alteration as follows, viz.

Beginning at the north east corner of the South Barn, south of Pauls tavern; thence south 30¼° E. 23½ rods to a stake and stones; thence S 45° 20' E. 79 rods to the center of a small barn, The above bearing and distances, describe the west line of said road which is laid three rods wide.

In the making of said road, the Commissioners order, that it be even graded, twenty feet wide for travel, and to be completed previous to the first day of July next.

Willis Phelps
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration laid and established as a common Highway;

Hadley Falls Co. Petition for alt of dam. Northampton & Spg. R R Cor. No 38

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden.

The Hadley Falls Company, respectfully represent that the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located and laid out their Rail Road (a map & plan of which location was filed in the Office of said County Commissioners, on the 28th day of June A. D. 1845) over and across the lands owned by the said Hadley Falls Company, situate in West Springfield in said County, on the West side of the Connecticut river, near the South Hadley Falls, so called; the lands taken by said Corporation for their Rail Road being the same described on the "Land Plan" furnished by said Rail Road Corporation to said Hadley Falls Company, signed by L. H. Hall Div. Engr. By the said location of said road, the said lands of said Company, which are crossed by said road, are greatly injured. The said Hadley Falls Company therefore pray, that after due proceedings in the premises your honorable board will estimate their damages incurred in the premises

Oct 2. 1845.

Hadley Falls Company.
By their attorney L. Norton.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners in vacation who thereupon made the following order, to wit;

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. October 2d. 1845. The within petition being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said county. It is ordered that the Commissioners meet at the Store of the Hadley Falls Co. in West Springfield) on Friday the 10th inst. at nine o'clock A.M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that seasonable notice be given to the said Corporation, by serving their agent with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, four days at least, previous to the time of said meeting. And E. Smith as principal and Chapman, Johnson and Norton as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden, in the sum of three hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps Chairman -

I do hereby acknowledge notice on the within petition.

Erastus Hopkins Pres.t

Oct 4th, 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows

Hampden ss. Oct. 10th, 1845. The County Commissioners of said County having given suitable notice to Erastus Hopkins, President of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, (as will appear on the above petition of the Hadley Falls Company, met the said R. R. Corporation, by Huntington their attorney, and the petitioners, at the Store of the Hadley Falls Co. in (West Springfield) this day at 9 o'clock A. M. being the time and place appointed for said meeting, and proceeded to view the premises of the said Hadley Falls Company, described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Hadley Falls Company, and the said Rail Road Corporation by their attorney, fully in the premises: We have appraised the damage which the said Hadley Falls Company will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Three thousand Dollars. The Commissioners do also order, that said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and forever maintain a good and lawful fence on each side of said lands (excepting such parts thereof as are and may be occupied for roads); said Rail Road Corporation are also to make and maintain two good and sufficient crossings, one of said crossings to be where the Rail Road crosses the private way, leading by the Hadley Falls Co's store the other the south side thereof, is to be in the line of the south side of the brick dwelling house of Edward Smith (extended to and across the Rail Road; also one other crossing, for the purpose of hauling stone from said Hadley Falls Co's land to the river; said crossing is to be planked sixteen feet wide, by said Rail Road Corporation, and the grading and making said road beyond the rails on both sides, to be made by said Rail Road Company, unless they give liberty

in writing to the Hadley Falls Co. to grade and make said crossing and both of said roads; said fence and crossings to be made and completed on or before the first day of Nov. A.D. 1846: and the two first named crossings are to be made fifty feet wide.

Which is submitted, and accepted

Willis Phelps, one of the County Commissioners being interested, as a holder of Stock, did not act with the Board in the assessment of said damage. Watson E. Boise, one of the Special Commissioners being notified, appeared and acted with the board as on such cases is provided.

Austin Fuller }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Watson E. Boise, Special Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

F. Bird, Petition for respass of Damages on Land taken for Road to Chicopee Falls No 111

To the Honorable Court of County Commissioners of Hampden County, now in session.

The Subscriber respectfully represents, that he has been aggrieved in the estimation and Assessment of his damages by the Commissioners, occasioned by the laying out, over his land of the new road, which leads from the Depot in Springfield to Chicopee Falls; that he had no personal notice of the meeting of the Commissioners for assessing said damages; that the Newspaper containing the notice, was not seen by him, and he has no knowledge whatever of such meeting, and that no meeting of the Board was held to his Knowledge, till six months had elapsed after said Assessment of damages; so that he has no opportunity of making application for a Jury.

He therefore prays, that the damages occasioned to him as aforesaid, may, after a hearing of him, be reassessed by your board.

Frances Bird.

Springfield, Dec 24th 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, to wit:

Hampden, ss. Dec 25 1845. The County Commissioners having considered the within petition do award said petitioner Fifteen Dollars, in addition to the $12 heretofore allowed him.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Edward F. Moseley is licensed as an Innholder, at the Clinton House in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors. Moseley

Eleazer H. Bugbee is licensed as an Innholder, at the house on the corner of Sandford and Dwight Streets in Spring Bugbee

fields without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Kingsley — Allen Kingsley is licensed as a Common Victualler with authority to sell beer, and without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, at Thorndike Village, Palmer. Feb. 24. 1846

County Estimate for 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the county Commissioners holden at Springfield, in and for the County of Hampden on the 1st Tuesday of December A. D. 1845. The County Commissioners taking into consideration the necessity of raising a County Tax, to defray the current expenses of the county for the year next ensuing, have made an estimate as follows.

For the payment of Grand and Traverse Jurors	$ 3500
" One third expenses Criminal prosecutions	1900
" Clerk of Court for services, &c	200
" Sheriffs Constables. Clerk of Courts &c	1300
" Service of Writs	150
" Coroners for taking Inquests	250
" Dieting prisoners, and articles for the Same	1200
" Support of prisoners in House of Correction	1200
" Repairing and Fixtures for County buildings	500
" Books and Stationery for County Offices	100
" County Commissioners, Agents, Committees, &c	1200
" Damage for lands by locations of Highways	2300
" Allowance to Towns for making road and bridges	300
" Repairs of County bridges	400
" Outstanding debts against the county, after deducting balance of Taxes for the year 1846 and other available resources	300
	$ 15,000

Ways and Means

Estimated receipts from fines forfeitures and other resources	$ 500	
" County Tax, for the year 1846	14,500	$ 15,000

The whole Tax to be assessed for defraying the expenses of the county for the Year 1846 is Estimated as above, at Fourteen Thousand five hundred dollars which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose, and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for approbation, and to act according to the provisions of law in that behalf.

Willis Phelps Chairman of County Com.rs

Committee to settle w. Co. Treas. Ordered That Willis Phelps, Esq and Norman Morton be appointed a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

Accounts — Sundry accounts against the county being now presented, amounting to the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty

five dollars and seventy five cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Hannah M. Ball, Nov 29. 1845.

		$3.04
Jurors	Elijah Blake	1.37
"	Orson Simmons	1.37
"	Horace Lee	1.37
"	Elias Willis	1.37
"	Lyman A. Gorrick	1.37
"	Wellington Thompson	1.37
Witnesses	Nathaniel Upham	.58
"	William Sandegan	.58
"	George Heath	.58
"	George L Lewis	.58
"	Lekter Whitney	.58
"	Henry R. Wade	1.58
Constable	John L Skinner	40.04
"	Vo C Merriam, Paper, Ink. Quills, Books &c	4.21
"	Goodman & Adams. Wood Box, work &c	4.00
"	E Snow for Kettle & Boiler, mouth	5.00
"	A. Munn for publishing petitions &c	29.50
"	Samuel Bowles " " "	34.50
"	William Howe " " "	1.25
"	William H. Butler, Surveying &	6.50
"	L. Merrill "	103.10
"	Isaac H. Leach for Wood for Jail	21.62½
"	James H. Brooks "	12.76
"	Chapin & Gunn Mats, Candles, &c. (Court House)	39.30
"	Reynolds & Morris, Printing, Calico, Oil Cloth & Jail & Co. House	25.00
"	Elijah Blake Overseer House of Correction from Dec. 1. 1845	25.00
"	Solomon Hatch " " " "	25.00
"	William Child " " " "	1832.59
"	William Rice, Sund ?s Costs Criminal prosecutions Feb. T. 1845 548.24. May Term, 486.45. Sept T. 15.25½ Dec T. 1845. 783.65	
"	O. Rice Sheriff for serving orders of Notice, distributing Proclamations for Thanksgiving, &c	24.98
"	Richard Bliss, for Orders of Notice, laying Costs &c	35.82
"	Amasa Pierson, Sawing & getting wh Wood, &c &c	33.75
"	Wm S. Shepherd, Commissioner to settle with County Treasurer	25.00

$2365.74 Warrant

Ordered, that the Clerk draw his Warrant on the County Treasurer in favor of the following persons in full for damages allowed them, by reason of the location of Highways, amounting to the sum of one hundred and seventy eight Dollars, viz Dwight & Orne $100. - Farnes Bent $13. William Howe $65.00

Hamden ss. February 24. 1846. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Rich" Bliss. Clerk.

April 1844

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, began and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the fourteenth day of said month, to the fifteenth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty third day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty first day of May, and on the twenty eighth day of said month, & the twenty ninth day, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Present_ Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman.
Samuel Root, Esq.
Austin Fuller Esq. } County Commissioners

A. Bancroft et al Petition for alterations of H Way in Granville.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

We, the subscribers, beg leave, humbly to represent, that the old road, commencing near the burying ground in the North East District in East Granville, running in a Westerly direction, passing the School house in said district, and continuing in the same direction, until it intersects the main road, near the house of Capt. Hubbard in said Granville, is stony and very steep, and that the same can be altered, and so laid as to accommodate the public much better, at comparatively small expense: And we would request your Honorable Board to view the same, and, make such alterations as the public demands. The proposed alterations will make the road much more level, and save about one mile in distance, to such persons as travel to Westfield from the West Parish, Tolland, Sandersfield, &c. June 13th 1844

(Signed) Alpheus Bancroft & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord 1844. At which meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Dwelling house of Timothy M. Cooley, 2d in Granville, on Thursday the fifteenth day of August next, at 9 o'clock A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Granville, in said County, thirty days at least before the said fifteenth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that

copies of said petitions, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville, fourteen days before the fifteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. July 13, 1844. I served the town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners, make their Report in writing, as follows viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Alpheus Bancroft and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the old road, commencing near the burying ground in the north east district, in East Granville, running in a westerly direction, passing the school House in said district, to the house of Capt Hubbard in said Granville is stony and very steep, and that the same can be altered so as to accommodate the public much better, they therefore request that a view may be had, and such alterations be made, as the public demands, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of August then next, and 9 oclock in the forenoon, at the house of T. M. Cooley, 2^{d} in Granville, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Granville, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least

before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was made Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted. Samuel Root, one of the County Commissioners for said County being interested as an inhabitant of said Granville, being the Town wherein such alteration was prayed for, did not act with the Board in viewing said road. W. E. Boise one of the Special Commissioners, being notified, appeared and acted with the Board.

Willis Phelps.
Austin Fuller } 3 County Commissioners.
Watson E. Boise, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration adjudged not of common convenience.

M. C. Miller et al. Petition for road from near Westfield, to the line of Berkshire County.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, humbly show, that in their opinion the public convenience and necessity require that a county road be laid from the vicinity of Westfield, through a part of Granville and Blandford, to the line of Berkshire County, for the more easy communication, and to facilitate business which is the general design for altering and laying roads. The proposed road is to commence at the road lately completed, near the house of Samuel Reed, in Granville, running westerly in the most feasible route, to the road leading from Otis, to East Granville, to the point where the line of Berkshire County crosses said road, and make such alterations, and discontinue such portions of the old road, as the necessity of the case requires. And your petitioners pray, that such road "and alterations" may be laid and established, or such part of the same, as the Commissioners shall think proper, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Blandford, August 16th 1844.

Signed, Marcellus C. Miller & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October in the year of our Lord, 1844. At which meeting it was ordered as following viz.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of J. M. Crocker 2d in Granville on Wednesday the twenty third day of November next, at eight o'clock A. M, and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition, be served by the Sheriff of said County, to his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Granville and Blandford in said County, thirty days at least, before the said twentieth day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Independent Democrat, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Granville and Blandford each fourteen days before said twentieth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return, as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 9. 1844. I served the town Clerks of Blandford and Granville, each with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at their dwelling houses and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

O. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows;

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Marcellus C. Miller and others, them presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that a public convenience and necessity requires that a county road be laid from the vicinity of Westfield, through a part of

Granville and Blandford, to the line of Berkshire county. The proposed route to commence at the road lately completed, near the house of Samuel P. Reed, in Granville, running westerly to road leading from Otis to East Granville, to the point where the line of Berkshire county crosses said road, the petitioners from that such road and deviations may be laid, in such parts, as the Commissioners shall think proper, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of November then next, and 8 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of A. M. Cooley 2d in Granville, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Granville and Blandford being the towns within which such Highways are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed in said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, in part.

Samuel Root one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of Granville, did not act with the board in viewing said road Abel Calkins, one of the Special Commissioners, being notified, acted with the Board in the proceedings.

Willis Phelps } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }
Abel Calkins, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered was accepted and the road adjudged by common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said

Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Volney Stow, in Granville on Wednesday the Seventeenth day of September next at eight o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said road and discontinuing such portions of the old road as are not needed, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public news-paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said Seventeenth day of September. And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the town of Granville and Blandford, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Granville and Blandford, fourteen days at least before the said Seventeenth day of September, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Bliss Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 12. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of Granville and Blandford, each, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at the dwelling house of each; and also posted up in two public places, in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Marcellus & Miller and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience and necessity requires that a County road be laid from the vicinity of Westfield, through a part of Granville and Blandford, to the line of Berkshire County; the proposed route to commence at the road lately completed, near the house of Samuel D. Reed in Granville, running westerly to the road leading from Otis to East Granville, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises

expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of November then next, and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of T. M. Cooley, P. in Granville, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petitions to be served upon the clerk of the towns of Granville and Blandford, being the towns within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the tuesday of December, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that public convenience requires that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the seventeenth day of September, then next, and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Volney Stow, in said Granville, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said Highway, and the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing the persons on claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof) on the said seventeenth day of September, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common highway on said petition as follows, viz

Beginning at a Chesnut Stump, with a pile of Stones around it, on the South side of North Lane, so called, running N 13° 30' W. 32 rods to a Chesnut tree marked; thence N. 11° West 8 rods to a hemlock tree marked; thence north 11 rods to an oak tree; thence N. 7° E. 9 rods to a chesnut stump; thence

N. 66° E 9 rods to an oak tree; thence N. 21° E. 6 rods to an oak tree; thence N 35° E 12 rods to a hemlock tree; thence N. 13° E 12 rods to a hemlock tree; thence N. 27° E 11 rods to a chesnut tree; thence N 1° W 11 rods to a chesnut; thence N. 25° W. 20 rods to a stake and stones in a field; thence N. 22° W. 12 rods to a chesnut tree marked; thence N 58° W. 8 rods to a chesnut tree; thence N. 66° W. 5 rods 12½ links to a dead hemlock; thence N. 76 W. 15 rods to a hemlock; thence N. 80° W. 14 rods to a black birch tree; thence N. 67° W. 9 rods to a beach tree; thence N. 38° W. 5 rods to a maple tree; thence N. 56 W. 26 rods to a stake and stones; thence south 71 W. 21 rods to a birch tree; thence S. 79° W. 16 rods to a hemlock; thence S. 85° W. 11 rods to a hemlock; thence N. 86° W. 8 rods to a hemlock; thence S. 89° W. 10 rods to Eli Knop's land; thence S. 55° W. 14 rods to a Beech tree; thence S. 69° W. 7 rods to a Beech tree marked; thence S. 82° W. 14 rods; thence S. 79° W. 20 rods to a pile of stones; thence S. 53° 30' W. 15 rods; thence S. 80° W. 7 rods to Simeon Hubbard's land; thence same course 7 rods to a hemlock tree; thence N. 85° W. 14 rods; thence N. 59° W. 19 rods to a birch marked; thence N. 38° W. 11 rods; thence N. 49° W. 18 rods; thence N. 33° W. 9 rods to Calvin Rose' land; thence N. 35° W. 4 rods to a birch tree marked; thence N. 46° W. 10 rods; thence N. 37° W. 9 rods; thence N. 36° W. 10 rods to a yellow birch staddle at the edge of Mr. Dean Field; thence N. 72° W. 19 rods; thence N. 73° W. 18 rods to a hemlock stump, at the edge of the woods; thence N. 86° W. 13 rods to Stow's land; thence S. 89° W. 58 rods to a hemlock; thence S. 87° W 10 rods; thence S. 86° W. 16 rods; thence S. 85° W 26 rods to a pile of stones on top of a rock in a field; thence N. 68° W. 16 rods to mill pond; same course 19 rods to a stake on top of the hill; thence S 87° W. 9 rods 12½ links to a hemlock tree; thence N. 72° 30' W. 22 rods to south end of stone wall, to the center; thence N. 56° West 32 rods; thence N. 54° W. 22 rods; thence N. 68° W. 10 rods; thence N. 79° W. 18 rods to a point of a large rock marked with a chissel; thence S. 89° W. 31 rods 10 links to a maple tree standing on the east side of the turnpike leading from Blandford to Granville.

The Courses above, are taken on the right or northerly sides of the road, and the road is laid three rods wide. After making said location the Commissioners made their assessment of damage as follows

To Calvin Rose, twenty dollars	$20
" Simeon Hubbard, twenty dollars	20
" Eli Knop, twenty dollars	20

Samuel Rood, one of the County Commissioners for said county being interested as an Inhabitant of the town of Granville (being the town wherein said highway is prayed for) did not act with the board in viewing and locating said highways. Abel Calkins, one of the special Commis-

250 sioners, being notified, appeared and acted with the board, as
on such cases is provided.

The Commissioners do order, that Two hundred dollars shall be paid to the town of Granville, out of the county Treasury, in part pay for making said road, to be paid when the road is completed, and accepted by the County Commissioners of said County.

In the making of said road, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made fourteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; care must be taken that the ditch on the uphill side of the road be made of sufficient depth to keep the water from passing over the face of the road; there must be a sufficient number of bridges and Culverts made of said road for the free passage of the water; all to be constructed of stone, except the covering to the bridges at Stone's mill pond; the face of the road to be five feet above the rock at the small stream, about 40 rods Southerly of Stone's Saw mills, and a suitable embankment each side of all watercourses. All to be made and completed on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1846, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Owners of lands are allowed until the first day of July next, to remove Wood and timber from said Highway. That part of the road between Stone's Saw mill and the road leading from Blandford to Granville, is not to be worked.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps, } County Commissioners
Austin Miller, }
Abel Watkins, Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the way laid and established as a public Highway

G. Wallis et al Petition for alterations of High Way in Holland.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

We, your petitioners, would represent, that the road leading from the Connecticut State line, near the house of Harding Back, northerly to Gardner Wallis' in Holland is circuitous and hilly, and that a road may be made under the hills at small expense, and save a tedious hill and some distance in length; said contemplated route would pass over land of Elwell P. Burley and Silas Burley. We pray your Honors to view said premises and make such alterations as public convenience in your opinion requires.

(Signed) Gardner Wallis, & others.

Holland, June 17, 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord 1845. At which meeting it was ordered as follows, to wit.

And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and further give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Elisha Stearns in Holland, on Wednesday the sixth day of August next, at two o'clock P. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holland in said county, thirty days at least before the said sixth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that notice of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Holland, fourteen days before said sixth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^{d} Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, last. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 5. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of Holland, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Gardner Wallis and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Connecticut State line near the house of Harding Bacon, northerly to the house of Gardner Wallis in Holland is circuitous and hilly; the petitioners therefore pray, that the Commissioners may view the premises, and make such alterations as public convenience requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fifth day of August, then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Elisha Kinney in Holland, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holland being the town within which such alteration is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Miles Phelps, }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }

which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the alteration adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the county Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December last. At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on tuesday the fourteenth day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fourteenth day of April. And it is further ordered, by the county Commissioners that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holland, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Holland, fourteen days at least, before the said

fourteenth day of April at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alteration of said Roads.

Rick. Bliss, Clerk.

And the petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. March 14. 1846. I served the within Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Gardner Wallis and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Connecticut line, near the house of Harding Buck, northerly to the house of Gardner Wallis, in Holland is circuitous and hilly. the petitioners therefore pray, that the Commissioners may view the premises and make such alterations as public convenience requires, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the sixth day of August then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Elisha Rising in Holland, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holland, being the Town within which such alteration was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing

notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventh day of August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth tuesday of December then next, At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed tuesday the fourteenth day of April then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon at the Court House in said County, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish such alteration; and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons interested in the matter of damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding, to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said fourteenth day of April, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a common Highway on said petition as follows, viz.

Commencing at the state line, at a stake and stones, thence running N. 30° E. 30½ rods to rock; thence N. 12° E. 23 rods and 7 links to a maple tree: thence N. 40° E. 11½ rods to a stake and stones, at the line of the old road, on land of Silas Burley. The above courses and distances describe the Easterly line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location the Commissioners, having heard all persons who desired to be heard in the matter of damage, made their assessments as follows.

To E. P. Burley, thirty five dollars, $35.
" Silas Burley ten dollars 10.

"In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that all necessary culverts be made, for the free passage of the water, and that said road be made and completed, to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the first day of Octo. 1846.

All of which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps }
Samuel Rood, } County Commissioners.
Austen Butler }

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and

the way laid and established as a Highway—

W^m Sheldon Petition for a Jury to assess damages.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The petition William Sheldon of Longmeadow, in said County, represents, that he is aggrieved by the doings of the Commissioners, in the location of a road and the estimation of damages thereon, for lands taken for said road in the extension of Worthington Street to Armory Street in Springfield in said County, over lands of your petitioner and others, which road was laid, established and accepted at the last April Term of your Board, on the petition of H. H. Buckland and others; that the damages assessed and allowed for his land so taken are altogether inadequate and the course of the road altogether wrong. Wherefore he is aggrieved and requests a Warrant to issue in due form for a Jury, unless a committee can be agreed upon according to the provisions of law in that behalf, for a reestimation of damages, and the alteration of said road, between the termini named in the original petition of said Buckland.

William Sheldon,
James M. Crooks.
By his attorney,

Sept. 1 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October last, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now this petition is dismissed, without costs.

P. Clark. Petition for a Jury to assess damages.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
Patrick Clark, of Springfield in said county respectfully represents that he is aggrieved and greatly injured in his property and estate by the location and making of the highway in the extension of Worthington Street to Armory street, as established and ordered by the said Commissioners, on the petition of H. H. Buckland and others; that said Highway was so located that the making and constructing of the same, as required in the order and locating report, greatly injures the house lot of your petitioner, renders it almost inaccessible from the road, and greatly endangers the house, inasmuch that it exposes the Cellar Wall, and it will be necessary to reduce the entire grade of his lot, or it will be useless to of very little value to him. Wherefore he prays for a Jury or Committee to estimate & assess damages according to law.

Patrick Clark.

October 1. 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October

last, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now said now this petition is dismissed, without costs.

Con River R. R. Comp. Petition for assess. of damages on land of John Street &c.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The Petition of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Philo W. Street, Glover Street Hastings, and John Street; John Street having deceased, and Philo W. Street and Philo S. Smith, being administrators of said John, deceased, all of West Springfield, in said county of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of West Springfield, in said county of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz: Beginning northerly on land of Street Hastings, at a point forty six and one fourth feet Westerly of the centre line of location of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said rail road, to land of Pliny Jones and Atkins, and to Connecticut River; thence easterly by said river to a point thirty five and three fourths feet at right angles with said centre line of said rail road; easterly; thence northerly parallel with said centre line, to land of said Street Hastings; thence Westerly by land of said Hastings, to the place of beginning, containing sixty eight rods of land.

Also one other piece of land, in West Springfield aforesaid, of and belonging to Glover Street Hastings, of said West Springfield, over which said Corporation have located their rail road authorized to be taken for said rail road, Bounded and described as follows: Beginning northerly on land of Joshua Street, at a point forty six and one fourth feet Westerly of the centre line of location of said rail road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly, parallel with said centre line of said rail road to land of the heirs of John Street, deceased; thence easterly by land of said heirs to a point thirty five and three fourths feet easterly of said centre line of said rail road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said central line of said rail road to Connecticut river; thence northerly by said river to land of said Joshua Street; thence westerly by land of said Joshua Street, to the place of beginning, containing one hundred three and a half rods of land.

Also another parcel of land, extending southerly to the land conveyed by Pliny Jones, to said company, taken by said rail road, five rods wide, more or less, including all the land taken; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray, the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Philo W. Street, Glover W. Hastings and the estate of said John Street, said Philo W. Street in his

capacity of Administrator of John Street, deceased, and said G. Street Hastings in the like capacity thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this second day of April, A. D. 1846.

Moses Bliss.

Agent of said Connecticut River Rail Road Company.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the second day of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six, and it was by him ordered that the Commissioners meet at the house of C. Crafts, in Westfield, on Monday the 13th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M. then and there to act on said petition; and it was also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the administrators within named; also to G. S. Hastings, named in the within petition, by serving them with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, at least seven days previous to the time of said meeting. And Erastus Hopkins, as principal and John Child as surety, recognise to the County of Hampden, in the sum of Two Hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. April 13. 1846. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to G. S. Hastings and others, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, by serving them with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract, hereunto annexed, met the said G. S. Hastings and others (named in said petition) and the petitioners, by Huntington, their attorney, at the house of C. Crafts, this day, at ten o'clock, A. M. being the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, as Taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said parties fully in the premises, we have appraised the damage which the said Glover & Hastings will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the sum of two hundred thirty seven 50/100 dollars. Also we have appraised the damage to the estate of John Street, at the sum of One hundred fifty eight dollars and 33/100. Also we have appraised the damage to Philo H. Street, at the sum of seventy nine dollars and seventeen cents.

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }
Watson E. Boise, Special Commissioner.

which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

Colton. Dimond Colton is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler (without authority to sell Spiritous or fermented liquors) at his house in Longmeadow.

Newton John Newton is licensed as a retailer of Wine, Rum brandy, or other spiritous liquors, at his Store, about half a mile south of the meeting house in Monson.

Truesdell Lucius E. Truesdell is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the house formerly Kept by Amos Norcraft, in Monson.

Bryant Horatio Bryant is licensed as a Common Victualler at the Hotel at the Centre of Blandford.

Ruby William Ruby of Wales, is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors, in the building lately occupied by Cornelius Miller in Wales.

Kellogg David Kellogg is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the house now occupied by Timothy M. Cooley 2d in Granville.

Baldwin John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler in his house in which he now lives in Wilbraham

Green Daniel N. Green is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at his house in the Center of the Town of Brimfield.

Schapman Gordon F. Chapman is licenced as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the house he now occupies in Wilbraham

Barrows Ele Barrows is licensed as a retailer of wine, gin, Brandy and other spiritous liquors in less quantity than twenty eight gallons, and not to be used on his premises, in the town of Brimfield

Fuller Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler in his present house in the town of Wilbraham.

Lindsey William Lindsey is licensed as a Common Victualler at the Rail Road House at Chester Village in the town of Blandford.

Foy. Marshall Foy is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the Three Rivers Hotel, in said Village in Palmer.

Allen Kingsley is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the Hotel in Monadike Village, in Palmer. — Kingsley

Elias A. Turner is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the center of the town of Palmer. — Turner

Ephraim Allen is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the Rail Road House in Palmer, on the south side of the Rail Road. — Allen

John Allen is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the Palmer Hotel, at the Depot in the town of Palmer. — Allen

Abner Allen is licensed as Retailer of Spirituous liquors, to be used in the arts, and for medicinal purposes only, in the Store occupied by him, at the Depot in Palmer. — Allen

Elisha Kinney is licensed as a Common Victualler and Temperance Tavern Keeper, in his present dwelling house in Holland. — Kinney

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, at his house in the west Parish, in the town of Westfield. — Loomis

Alfred Upson is licensed as a Common Victualler, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, in Mills building, east side of the Green, in Westfield. — Upson

Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, without license to sell intoxicating liquors, on the west side of the Green, in the House known as the Delevan House. — Chapman

Roswell King is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, at his house in Westfield. — King

Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder, north side of Great River, near the Rail Road, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors. — Johnson

Harriet B. Hodgett is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualer, in the house formerly owned and kept by George Beebe, in Southwick. — Hodgett

The following persons are licensed as Innholders, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, at their

respective Houses in the Town of Springfield.
Edward P. Mosely, Clinton House.
Elesan Pendleton, Williamsett House.
Aze Moulton, Armory House
Morgan & Day, American House
Levi Charles H. Mead, Connecticut River House.
Chester R. White, Exchange Hotel.
Spencer Jennings, Rail Road House
John P. Annable, New England House.
Ashley Hayden, Columbian Coffee House.
Jeremy Warren, United States Hotel.
Horatio N. Burnham, Kimlin House
O. M. Alden, Alden House
M. & E. S. Chapin, Massasoit House
John Pessenden, Western Hotel
Ezekiel Adams, Chicopee Falls Hotel
Horace Chapin, Cabot House.

Fuller — Jeusha Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at the house she now occupies, in Ludlow.

Truesdell — William H. Truesdell is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler in the House formerly Kept by Russell Hawley in the Town of Russell

Clark — William L. Clark is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the Hotel in West Brandford

Crafts. — Chester Crafts is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the house he now occupies, in West Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Damages for land — The sum of One hundred and ten dollars is ordered to be paid to the following persons from the county Treasury, in full for damages allowed them, by reason of the location of Highways, viz.

Moses Ashley	(R. Sings. Pet.)	50.00
Justin Bagg	"	20.00
Benjamin Ashley	"	5.00
William Ashley	"	15.00
Festus Stebbins	(D. H. Bryant's alt. Pet.)	20.00
		$110.00

Order R. Day — Ordered that there be allowed to Hugh Day for support of prisoners from Feb. 4. 1846 to May 1. 1846 — 385.50
" Dr. for prisoners in Jail, from Nov. 1. 1845 to May 1. 1846 — 179.00
" Allowance for Salary as Prison Keeper, from Feb 4. 1846 to May 1. 1846 — 128.70
" Key fees — 6.40
$699.60

County Tax 1846

In conformity with a Resolve of the General Court, passed at the last Session, granting a Tax of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County, in manner following.

Blandford	590.95
Brimfield	641.25
Chester	381.39
Granville	440.06
Holland	167.65
Longmeadow	507.12
Ludlow	540.66
Monson	917.86
Montgomery	155.07
Palmer	1061.68
Russell	196.99
Southwick	440.06
Springfield	5226.31
Tolland	247.27
Wales	217.94
Westfield	1370.49
West Springfield	1378.88
Wilbraham	578.37
	$15.000.00

And warrants have been issued, dated the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1846, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns in the county, directing them to assess the same, upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice, Esq., County Treasurer, or his successor, in order, by the last day of August next ensuing, as the law directs.

Accounts.

Sundry accounts against the County, being presented, amounting to the sum of eleven hundred and fifty Dollars and eighty five cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury as follows, viz:

To C. Rice, Sheriff, serving notice		2.25
" " Distributing Proclamations		6.00
" Julius Day 42½ Cords Wood, (Jail)		100.94
" J. W. Brooks 1½ Cords Wood omitted in Dec		3.37
" Willis Phelps, Paper & Cloth for Door		6.50
" J. H. Butler, Dockets, Paper, Alphabets, Record Books, &c. &c		34.87
" Richd Bliss, Clerk, Entering petitions, issuing notice, Continuances, Alphabet B. No 21. C. C. P. Certifying accounts, Venires various Courts, Distributing blanks to Treas & Reg. Deeds, Postage, &c. &c		50.79

To Harvey Chaffin, Coroner, Inquest upon the body of Dwight Fowler, January 11. 1846

Jurors.	James M. Brooks	$	3.24
"	Stephen Bodurtha		1.97
"	Charles Campbell		1.37
"	William L. Bailey		1.37
"	Lester Lewis		1.37
"	Newbury Barden		1.50
Witnesses	Jerome Fowler		1.37
"	Theodore Vanhorn		.58
"	John Clark		.82
"	Enoch Leonard		.66
"	Calvin Wheeler		.82
"	Henry Clark		.58
Constable	Marlon King		.66
"	Enoch Leonard, for solifying Coroner		1.74
"	H. A. Brown, Ruling & bindg Index &c		1.00
"	D. F. Ashley, advertising, Petitions, &c		38.00
"	Jessup & Brothers, 4 doz B. S. Paper, &c		57.25
"	Seth Maxley, Surveying, &c		52.50
"	O. A. Seamans do do		4.00
"	Sizer, &c. Coal Stove, &c. (Probate Office)		3.20
"	William Moore, Pitcher & Tumbler. (C. House)		12.93
"	Isaac King, Plank for Bridge		1.09
"	Hawes & Spooner, White Washing Court House		8.25
"	Amasa Parsons, attendg Probate Court,		12.00
"	Sawing & getting wk Wood, Cleaning C. House,		
"	Care of C House, to April, 1846 &c &c		38.25

Hampden ss. May 29th 1846. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be Continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest. Rick^d Bliss. Clerk

June 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the fourth tuesday of June, being the twenty third day of said June, to the twenty fourth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Present— Willis Phelps, Esq., Chairman.
Samuel Root Esq.} County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller Esq.}

J. Brewer Petition for assessment of damages on Soc. of H.G. Rail Road

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The Subscriber represents, that on the first day of September last the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation located and laid out their Rail Road over and across a tract of land owned by your petitioner in common with Charles Stearns and David A. Adams. Said tract is situated in Springfield, on the west sides of Water Street, and runs from thence to a tract of land owned by your petitioner on the bank of Connecticut river, being in a line with Union Street. By the said location of the Rail Road the tract aforesaid, which is crossed by the Rail Road is greatly injured, and also the tract of your petitioner, which lies on said Bank. He therefore prays, that, after due proceedings in the premises, your Honorable Board will estimate his damages incurred in the premises.

(Signed) James Brewer

October 2. 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. At which meeting the following notice was ordered.

And now, upon the foregoing petition it is ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Court House, in Springfield, on Thursday the sixth day of February next, at 10 o'clock A M. for the purpose of viewing said lands and of estimating said damages; And it is ordered by said Commissioners, that a copy of said petition and this order thereon, be served upon the said Rail Road Corporation, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made, his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. Jan. 24. 1845. I served said Corporation

with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to Chester W. Chapin, an agent of said corporation, and transacts their business

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Hampden ss. Feb. 6th 1845. The County Commissioners of said county, having given reasonable notice to the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, mentioned in the foregoing petition of James Brewer, met the said Rail Road Corporation (by their agent, C. W. Chapin) and the petitioner James Brewer, at the Court House in said County; and after hearing said parties, proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and after viewing the same, the Commissioners were of the opinion, that the said Brewer had not any claim for damages for the taking of the land described in said petition, for the location of said Rail Road, and we do not therefore assess any damage for the taking said land.

Willis Phelps,
Austin Fuller, } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root,

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

D. Blodget et al Petition for Highway and alter. of Highway in Brimfield.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned, Inhabitants of Brimfield, in said County and the adjoining towns, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new town road in the northwesterly part of said Brimfield, to commence at the County road near the bridge over Perry Brook so called, thence up the valley of said Brook to a town road near the house of Marcus Hitchcock, and an alteration in said road near the house of Marcus Hitchcock, and on his land; that we have heretofore petitioned the Selectmen of said town, who have refused to lay out said road and make said alteration. We therefore, relying on your Honors for justice in our case, respectfully request you to proceed to locate said road, as the law requires, and your wisdom shall direct.

Brimfield Dec. 2. 1844.

(Signed) Daby Blodget & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. At which meeting it was ordered, as follows, viz.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice, that they will meet, for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Daby Blodget, in Brimfield, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of May next, at

o'clock, A.M.; and it is ordered, by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Brimfield, in order seven days at least before the said fourteenth day of May; and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or his deputy, in two public places in the town of Brimfield, fourteen days before said fourteenth day of May, and that notice be given, in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. April 12. 1845. I served the town clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted up in five public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition and order thereon.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made this report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Dady Blodget & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience and necessity required the location of a new town road in the northeasterly part of Brimfield, as petitioned by said petitioners as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of May, then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Dady Blodget in said Brimfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused

a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such Highway is propos-
ed, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view,
and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the sub-
stance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town
and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a
copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively
in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said
county, said posting and the last publication of said copy
having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed
for said view; and before said view was had, said Com-
missioners gave notice in like manner as described in the
foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of
the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of May the Commis-
sioners met, at the time and place aforesaid, and proceeded
to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Com-
missioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view; and having heard the parties, said
Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate
upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the
same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that
common convenience and necessity require that the prayer
of the petition be granted.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root. }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted,
and the Way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered by the Commission-
ers as follows, to wit.

That notice be given to all persons and Corporations in-
terested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the
Dwelling house of Daby Blodgett, in Brimfield on
Thursday the eleventh day of June next, at 11 o'clock in
the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road, by
publishing an abstract of said petition and this order
thereon, in the Hampden Statesman, a public newspaper
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last
publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said
eleventh day of June

And it is further ordered, by the County Commission-
ers, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve
the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, with a copy of
said petition, and this order, thirty days at least, and
post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in
two public places in said town of Brimfield, fourteen
days at least before the said eleventh day of June, at
which time the said Commissioners will proceed to

locate said road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and adjudge such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows;

Hampden ss. May 7. 1846. I served the town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him; and I also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Daby Blodgit, and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience and necessity require, the location of a new town road in the northerly part of Brimfield, as petitioned for by said petitioners, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of May, then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Daby Blodgett, in said Brimfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,

and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof, was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed thursday the eleventh day of June then next, and eleven O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Dady Blodgett, in said Bainfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said Highway. And the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing those interested in claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the eleventh day of June met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Town Way on said petition as follows, viz.

Commencing in the easterly line of the Warren road at a stake and stones; thence south 34° E 24 rods to a stake; thence S 41½° E 18 rods to Harvey Smiths land; thence on same point 9¾ rods to a stone on a rock; thence S. 32° E. 7½ rods, to a stake; thence S 56° E. 8 rods to a black oak tree; thence S 71¾° E. 7 5/10 rods to a maple tree; thence S. 68¼° E 8 rods; thence S. 54¾ E. 6 rods; thence S. 68° E 3 rods 20 links; thence S. 67½° E. 4 rods to Dady Blodgets land; thence E. 7 rods to birch tree; thence N. 66½° E 6 rods to a maple tree; thence S. 77° E. 5 rods 19 links; thence S. 49 E. 8 rods to a rock; thence S. 46° E. 16 rods 9 links to stones on a rock; thence S 78° E. 17 rods 18 links to a rock; thence S. 37° E. 7 rods; thence S. 26° E. 11 rods to a black oak tree; thence S. 27° E 5 rods 20 links to a stake and stones; thence S. 61 E. 14 rods and 18 links to an Apple tree; thence S. 43¾° E 9 rods and 9 links; thence S. 40° E. 8 rods to a rock; thence S. 30½ E. 9 rods 10 links to a rock; thence S. 12¾° E. 13 rods and 14 links; thence S. 26½° E. 9 rods to a rock; thence S. 40° E. 12 rods 22 links to the road. Said bearing and distance describe the South line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the Commissioners, agreeably to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in the matter of damage, who desired to be heard, and made their appraisments as follows, viz.

To Harvey Smith. fifteen dollars. $15.00

In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made fourteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that all necessary culverts be constructed in a good and durable manner, for the free passage of the water; also one dry culvert on land of Dody Blodgett, at a convenient point for said Blodgets use; said culvert to be so constructed, that said Blodgets cattle can pass under said Highway from one lot to the other. All to be completed on or before the first day of July 1847, to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Way established as Town Way.

F. Burley et al. Petition for alter. of H Way from Wales to Palmer Depot, and for discon. of H. Way in Wales & for a new High Way.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers respectfully represent, that public convenience requires an alteration in the road leading from Wales to Palmer Depot (in the town of Brimfield) by laying out and making a new piece of highway; Beginning on the west side of the road, southerly from the house of George Sanford, in said Brimfield; thence northeasterly, intersecting the road leading from said Brimfield to said Depot, at some point between the summit of the hill eastwardly from Luke B Charles' and the house of Archibald Nelson, which would shun the hills and lessen the distance.

And your petitioners further represent, that public good requires that the contemplated new road, when located by your board, in Wales, uniting the centre and south roads, which lead from Wales Westwardly, be discontinued, and the resolve and order for making the same rescinded, and a new piece of High way laid out and made, enjoining the farms of Levi Stebbins and Amasa Moulton, and uniting said Centre and South roads, at places most convenient and proper, with some alterations and repairs on the now existing road between Moses Sherman's and Ira Green's, which would be a substitute, comparatively more convenient and less expensive.

We therefore pray, that your Honors would view, as soon as your convenience will permit, and make such alterations on the premises, as you, in your wisdom, may think fit.

(Signed) Ferdinand L. Burley & others.

Wales, Aug. 15. 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October last. At which meeting the following order was made

by the County Commissioners, viz:

And now upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet, for the purpose of said view, at the Dwelling House of Cornelius Miller, in on Wednesday the nineteenth day of November next, at 9 o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Wales and Brimfield, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 19th day of November, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, & abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Wales and Brimfield, fourteen days before the said nineteenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth tuesday of December last. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden ss. Oct. 13. 1845. I served the town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested Copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode; and on the 16th day of said October I served the Town Clerk of Wales with an attested copy of the same, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode; and I posted up in two public places in each of said Towns attested Copies of this petition and order thereon, more than fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county on the first tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Ferdinand L. Burley & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and

setting forth that public convenience requires an alteration in the road leading from Wales to Palmer Depot; also that public good requires that the contemplated new road located in Wales be discontinued, and new piece of Highway be laid in its stead, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Cornelius Miller in Wales, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the towns of Wales and Brimfield, being the towns within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Willis Phelps
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April last. At which meeting it was ordered by the County Commissioners, as follows, viz.

Whereas, upon the petition of Ferdinand L Burley and others, heretofore presented, and after due proceedings therein, it hath been adjudged by the County Commissioners, that the common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer

of the petitioners be granted.

It is now thereupon ordered, that notice be given to all persons
261 and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet
at the Dwelling house of Daniel N. Green, in Brimfield on tuesday
the eleventh day of June, next, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, for the
purpose of locating said road, and establishing said alterations, by
publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in
the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said
county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the said eleventh day of June.

And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the
towns of Brimfield and Wales, with a copy of said petition and
this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing
the substance thereof, in two public places in said towns of
Brimfield and Wales, fourteen days at least, before the said
eleventh day of June, at which time the said Commissioners
will proceed to establish said Road and said alterations, and
will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who
may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages
as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the lo-
cation and alteration of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the
County Commissioners.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. May 7th 1846. I served the Town Clerk of
Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition, and order there-
on, by giving the same to him; and I served the same upon
the Town Clerk of Wales, by leaving an attested copy thereof
at his dwelling house, and posted up in two public places in
each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of
said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners made
their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County,
on the first tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Ferdinand L. Burley and others, them
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth,
that public convenience requires an alteration in the road
leading from Wales to Palmer Depot; also, that public
good requires that the contemplated new road located in
Wales, be discontinued, and a new piece of Highway be laid
in its stead, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises ex-
pedient, appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November,

then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Cornelius Miller in Wales, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the Towns of Wales and Brimfield, being the Towns within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of November, the Commissioners met, at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the eleventh day of June, then next, and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Daniel N. Green, in said Brimfield, as the time and place, when and where they would meet, and proceed to locate and establish said alterations. And the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication, and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons in damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law, in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof) on the said eleventh day of June met and proceeded to lay out and establish said alteration on said petition as follows, to wit,

Commencing at a post in the Wall, in the west line of the Wales road, about three rods north of a maple tree, on land of Almond Homer; thence S. 84½° W. 18 rods to a stake and stones; thence N. 78½° W. 8 rods to a stake and

stones; thence N. 63½° W. 10½ rods to a stake and stones; thence N. 48½° W 27 rods to a stake; thence N. 44¾° W 17 rods to a stake and stones on Sumner Park's land; thence N. 19¼° W. 12 rods on said Park's land; thence on the same point 11 rods to a maple tree, in the South line of the old road leading by Luke Charles'. Said line describe the middle line of the road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the Commissioners, agreable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons who desired to be heard in the matter of damage, and made their assessments as follows:

To Ahrnon Horner, Seventy five dollars $75.00
" Luke Charles, forty dollars 40.00
" Sumner Parker, twelve dollars 12.00

In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; also, that all necessary Culverts be constructed of Stone, for the free passage of the water. All to be Completed, to the acceptance of the county Commissioners, on or before the first day of July 1847.

Willis Phelps }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted; and the alterations laid out and established as and for a common and public Highway.

J. Thompson and Petition for Highway & decon' of H Way in Monson.

To the county Commissioners for the county of Hampden

The petition of the subscribers, shew, that the Commissioners, Some time since, laid out a short piece of Road, east of the old road, easterly of Deacon Potter's House, and the Selectmen of Monson laid and the Town accepted a short piece of road westerly of Austen T. Newell's house. In consequence of which, the old road against those pieces, has become useless for travel, and in their present situation, are dangerous.

We therefore request your Honors to view, and lay the County Road over the piece of Town Road abovementioned, and discontinue what of the old road, west of said Newell's road. Also, the piece of the old road, west of the new laid county road, near Deacon A. H. Potter's, that is not needed for the County road.

(Signed) Jacob Thompson & others.

Monson, August 2d 1845.

The foregoing petition was intered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. At which meeting it was ordered by the County Commissioners, as follows, viz.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Com-

sioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet, for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Amos Norcross in Monson, on Thursday the twentieth day of November next at ten o'clock A M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Monson, in said county, thirty days at least before the said twentieth day of November, and that all other persons and Corporations, interested therein, be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition & abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by the Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days before the said twentieth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the county Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows viz.

Hampden ss. Oct 17. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of Monson with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up attested copies of the same and this order thereon, in two public places in said town, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and and forty five.

On the petition of Jacob Thompson & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that they request the Commissioners to discontinue certain pieces of old road in the town of Monson; Also to lay certain pieces of new road in said Town, as prayed for, in said petition, as by

said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed thursday the twentieth day of November then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Morgan, in Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Monson being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met, at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

Willis Phelps. }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Abel Calkins, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

S. T. Colton Petition for Ass[t] of Dam[s] by reason of the location of H. & S. R. R.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully shews, Stephen T. Colton, of Longmeadow, in said County, that he is the owner of a narrow strip of land in the General Field in said Longmeadow, about one rod in width, and about eighty rods in length, and running lengthwise in an easterly and westerly direction, bounded northerly by land of Daniel Colton, and Southerly by land of Alva Colton; across which the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located their Rail Road, and constructed the same; Whereby your petitioner suffers great damage

He further shews, that he is the owner of a private way, leading from a Town road in said General Field, westerly to a lot of land owned by him, in said General Field, conveyed to your petitioner's father, Elijah Colton, dec

ceased by Gaius Pease, across which, said Corporation have located and constructed their Rail Road, and thereby greatly obstructed the same, to the damage of your Petitioner. Wherefore he prays your Board to view the premises, and estimate and assess the damages sustained by him, according to the provisions of the Statutes in this behalf. Dated at Springfield this third day of October, A. D. 1845.

Stephen F. Colton.

The foregoing petition was intered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, held on the first Tuesday of October last. And the following notice was issued, to wit.

Hampden ss.

County Commissioner's meeting, October 1845.

And now upon the foregoing petition, it is Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Dwelling House of Simond Colton, Jr. in Longmeadow, on Tuesday, the fourth day of November next, at eleven O'clock, A. M. for the purpose of viewing said Lands, and of estimating said damages and it is ordered, by said Commissioners, that a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, be served upon the said Rail Road Corporation, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting, that they may then and there shew Cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. Oct. 27. 1845. I served the said Rail Road Corporation with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to Chester W Chapin, the agent of said Corporation. C. Rice. Sheriff.

And now the said Corporation present their motion to ~~dismiss~~ the foregoing petition, in the words following, to wit.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation object to the assessment of damages on the petition of Stephen F. Colton, and move that the same be dismissed.

1 Because the land and way mentioned in

his petition has been taken by them under a contract with Elijah Colton, dated August 4 1843, the said Elijah being then the owner of the land, and the said Stephen S having no title, except as his heir.

2. As to this said private way, it is more than one year since the said Corporation has taken the same.

By their Attorneys Chapman, Ashmuns Norton.

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners order that this petition be dismissed.

J. Bagg sale & Pet. for dis. of H.W. from B. Ashley's to E. Sackett in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Respectfully pray, the undersigned, that the County Road, heretofore laid by your Board in West Springfield, from the dwelling house of Benjamin Ashley, to the dwelling house of Elijah Sackett, may be so altered as to reduce the same from four rods in width, to three rods in width, and that so much of the old road, between the termini aforesaid as shall not be covered by said road, when so altered, may be discontinued.

Justin Bagg & others.

Nov. 14. 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1845 and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting on the second Tuesday of April last. At which meeting it was ordered by the County Commissioners as follows, viz.

And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice, that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the Dwelling house of Jere Whitman, in West Springfield, on Wednesday the seventeenth day of June next, at nine o'clock, A.M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty day at least, before the said seventeenth day of June, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Statesman, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, & abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said seventeenth day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested, that

the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. May 11. 1846. I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff—

And now the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six.

On the petition of Justin Bagg and others, ~~&c~~ presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, That the County road, heretofore laid by your Board, in West Springfield, from the dwelling house of Benjamin Ashley, to the dwelling house of Elijah Lockett, may be so altered, as to reduce the same from four rods in width, to three rods in width, and that so much of the old road, between the termini aforesaid, as shall not be covered by said road, when so altered, may be discontinued, as by said petitions on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the Seventeenth day of June then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Jesse Whitman, in West Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Statesman, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place

for commencing said view.

And on the said Seventeenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. The Commissioners, therefore, order the discontinuance of so much of the old road, between the terminii of the piece of new road referred to in said petition as is not included in the limits of said new road; also one rod on the easterly side of said piece of new road.

Willis Phelps. }
Austin Fuller. } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root. }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Way discontinued.

Connecticut R. R. R. Co Petr for apt of dam's for land taken of E. Taylor on Branch road.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County

Represent your petitioners, the Connecticut River Rail-road Company, a Corporation established by Law, that by virtue of their Charter, in the construction of a Branch Rail Road, from the village of Cabotville, to the village of Chicopee Falls, both in Springfield in said county, they have appropriated for the purposes of said Rail Road, and do intend to fix their location, the following described land in said Springfield, belonging to Erastus Taylor, of South Hadley, Mass. viz. a parcel of land, bounded easterly by land of Mrs. Delia Town, extending northerly from the centre line of location 42 feet, and southerly from said centre line 48 feet; Southerly by land of said Taylor; westerly by land of George Rumnerill, and being at said western extremity, 43 feet each way northerly and southerly from the centre line of location, and being in rear of the main lot, and there being a small strip of land of said lot, containing 5 rods 231 feet, on the northerly side, adjacent to land of the Dwight Company, containing in all 59 rods 41 feet, and 5 rods wide, with what land is necessary for grading and sloping; a plan of which is ready to be produced. The said Company therefore pray that the damages occasioned by said taking, may be estimated and assessed, according to Law.

Connecticut River Rail Road Company.
By their attorney. C. D. Huntington

April 4. 1846.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the tenth day of April, in the

year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Cabot House, in Cabotville, on Wednesday the twentieth day of May next, at nine o'clock A. M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the within named Erastus Taylor, by serving him with an attested of said petition, containing the substance thereof, with this order thereon, at least seven days previous to said meeting. And Erastus Hopkins as principal, and John Child as surety, recognised to said County, in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petitioner.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

To Erastus Taylor of South Hadley in the County of Hampshire, Whereas the Connecticut River Rail Road Company have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, telling forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, Hampden county, when and over lands owned by you, at Springfield aforesaid, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file: and further representing, that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet, for that purpose, at the Public House, called the Cabot House, in Cabotville, on Wednesday the twentieth day of May instant, at nine o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard on the subject.

Per order, Willis Phelps, Chairman

Springfield, May 11th 1846.

Springfield, May 15th 1846.

This certifies, that I have notified Erastus Taylor, of South Hadley, in the county of Hampshire, of a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, at the Public House, called the Cabot House, in Cabotville, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of May, instant at nine o'clock, A. M. by delivering to him, personally, an original notification, of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

Orange Chapin.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden ss. May 20th 1846. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Erastus Taylor, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, by serving him

with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereunto annexed, met the said Taylor and the petitioners by Erastus Hopkins, their agent, at the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Taylor, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and described in said petition, and having heard said Taylor and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damage which the said Taylor will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Austin Fuller }
Samuel Root. } County Commissioners
Watson E. Boise, Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

Gunn. Henry Gunn is licensed as an Innholder, at the Five Mile House in Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Crooks. Henry L. Crooks is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the Public House now kept by John H. Crooks, in the east Parish in Longmeadow, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Seaman. S. L. Seaman is licensed as an Innholder, at the Union House, in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Bond. Emelius Bond is licensed as a Retailer, in his Store in the town of Palmer.

Register of Deeds. The Votes for Register of Deeds, for the County of Hampden being sorted and counted, it appears, that the whole number of votes is two thousand two hundred and eighty nine necessary for a choice, eleven hundred and forty five, William Rice has twenty two hundred and eighty seven, and is declared by the County Commissioners elected, and the said Rice appeared and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and gives bonds to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Treasurer of Hampden. The votes for County Treasurer, being sorted and counted it appears that the whole number of votes is two thousand three hundred and forty six, necessary for a choice, eleven hundred and seventy four, William Rice has twenty three hundred and forty five, and is declared by the County Commissioners elected, and the said Rice appears and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his offices and gives Bonds to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Sundry accounts against the county, amounting to the sum of one hundred and eighty three Dollars and forty eight cents being now presented to the County Commissioners are by them allowed and ordered to be paid out of the county treasury, viz:

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of George Cooley, May 15. 1846 — 3.00
Jurors — L. W. Harrison — 1.37
" A. Munn — 1.37
" Harvey Wells — 1.37
" James Coffran — 1.37
" John C Stebbins — 1.37
" Earl Woodworth — 1.37
Witnesses — Jonathan Blake — .58
" Leonard Cutler — .58
" Luman Spences — .54
" A. Vandeveer — .54
" Henry W. Chapman — 1.56
Constable — Almer Johnson — 13.00
" A. Munn, advertising Receipts & Expenditures, Petitions &c — 17.00
" A & Fennatt, printing Bonds &c. — 12.83
" W. A. Brown, ruling & binding blank books — 29.25
" A Parsons attending C. C. P. Court, Probate Court, cleaning Court House, &c — 45.60
" R. Bliss, Orders of notice, Venires, &c &c — 58.16
" L. Rice, Sheriff, serving Orders of notice &c &c taking care of Jail, Year ending Jan 1. 1846

Ordered that Warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer in favor of the persons herein named, in full for damages allowed them in the location of a Highway in West Springfield on the petition of Roswell King

Seth Smith		90.00
Delight Phelps		125.00
Talcott Alderman		40.00
Levi Brooks		50.00
Nathan Morgan		50.00
Asiel Fuller	(Co. Bonds Petition)	40.00
Zadock Cooley	"	40.00
L. Pomeroy	"	15.00
Ez Boyden	"	30.00
Pliny Cooley	"	20.00
William Skelton	(Co. H. Burt Bonds petition)	70.00

Hampden ss. August 11 1846. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest. Recd R. Bliss, Clerk.

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